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## CHINA PROVIDENT. LOCAL COMPANY'S FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

### TO-DAY'S SPECIAL MEETING.

Losses Put At About \$2,000,000.

Matters affecting one of the best known of local companies—the China Provident, Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd.—were the subject of some pointed comment at an extraordinary general meeting held this morning.

Losses sustained were put at an "outside figure" of \$2,000,000. A committee of investigation was appointed.

The resolutions which were on the agenda were passed but with some amendments.

The Consulting Committee present was as follows:—Mr. R. G. Shewan (chairman), the Very Rev. Father L. Robert, Messrs. T. G. Weall, H. P. White, J. H. Taggart and D. de Meester.

Others present were: Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (company's solicitor), Mr. D. L. King (secretary) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. J. P. Wright, M. G. Beale, A. Zimmerman, Chin Lim-fu, P. M. N. da Silva, J. M. Alves, P. Tester, Poon Li-fung, V. Sorby, J. S. Perry, J. Fleming, T. Wong, D. J. Lewis, C. B. Brown, A. L. Alves, Kelly Sayce, C. A. de Roza, J. T. Bagram, Chan Yuk-ai, Soo Pei-shao, W. J. Hawker, D. H. Cameron, A. H. Thompson, W. T. Stanton, G. Dacles, L. Dambay, A. E. Samy, W. Morley, Wong Kwok-ming, Ip Fook, D. W. Munton, Li Tse-fong, Ju Tak-cheung, J. W. Shewan, Tse Tsan-tak, B. C. Randall, Henry Humphreys, W. Allan, A. W. Thornhill, Chea Poo-min, E. Sadick, Chan Wing-foo, E. M. Raymond, V. M. Crawford, N. V. H. Croucher, D. Templeton, C. H. W. Kew, W. J. Carroll, A. A. Alves, D. J. Lopes, Choy Hon-fun, C. M. Heanley, S. Lopes and others.

On the chairman's instructions, the secretary read the convening notice. Mr. Shewan indicated that Mr. T. G. Weall would address the meeting and Mr. Weall then spoke as follows:—

The general managers have called this meeting at the request of your consulting committee, who have asked me to make a statement to you regarding what we consider to be the very unsatisfactory position of the company's financial affairs, to advise you of the steps already taken by the committee and to put before you certain proposals for the future.

In October last year certain facts came to our knowledge and we at once requested the general managers to call in Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews as independent accountants to carry out a thorough investigation and after a period of three months, the length of which period was partly necessitated by the position of the company's records, a report was presented to us. This report, in spite of the time of necessity taken in its preparation, is merely a preliminary statement; it does not in any way purport to give us a definite and complete analysis of the affairs of the company, but it nevertheless reveals such disquieting matters that we felt it was obviously necessary to lay before you at the earliest opportunity the information which it contained.

My statement, therefore, will not attempt to give you an exhaustive survey of the report, because I think you will agree with your committee when you have heard what I have to say that a complete investigation of the company's affairs will be necessary, and such complete investigation when made may in some cases amplify or limit the conclusions reached by the accountants in their preliminary report, but with your permission I will enumerate some of the principal items so far disclosed.

New Issue of Capital:—You will remember that by a special resolution passed on January 14, 1924 and confirmed on January 29, 1924 a new issue of capital was authorised, and 400,000 new shares created.

A specific date, March 15, 1924 was fixed for these shares to be taken up by shareholders whose registered address was within Hongkong, China or Japan. After that date the remainder of the unissued shares was to be disposed of by the general managers.

Now as these shares on March 15, 1924 were standing at a high premium in the market it appeared to us that it was the plain duty of the general managers either to offer the unissued shares to all the shareholders or to have disposed of them in the market and obtained the premium for the benefit of the company. In fact they did neither.

An examination of the books shows that from March 15 up to the end of the year the general managers proceeded to issue these shares at par to certain shareholders whose acceptances they received after March 15—they paid dividends upon shares so issued as though they had been taken up and the allotment money paid upon March 15—in many cases they failed to charge the appropriate rate of interest upon the acceptances.

We believe that these methods resulted in a loss to the company of about \$100,000. Not only did the general managers thus fail in their duty to the company, but at the general meeting held on April 30, 1924, your committee and the shareholders were led to believe that at that date the whole of the 400,000 shares had in fact been taken up, and the allotment money paid.

Mortgages:—A large number of loans against property have been found to be insufficiently secured. In some cases mortgage deeds had not been completed and in many cases proper valuations had not been obtained of property against which money had been lent.

So far back as November, 1925, your committee insisted and the general managers undertook to have legal mortgages executed in respect of all loans made on land or securities.

An illuminating instance of the methods pursued by the general managers is that of Mr. Tong Hok-ting—compradore and partner of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co.—to whom approximately 4½ lakhs of the company's money was advanced on title deeds, which we are now informed by the general managers are valueless as security for this loan.

This information was given us for the first time on March 28. We understand now that the general managers were aware of it two months earlier.

Loans on Shares, etc.:—Very large sums of money have been advanced on the security of shares—the result in many cases being disastrous—loans were made on shares carrying liabilities for further calls and apparently the prudent policy of requiring a margin of safety was not pursued.

I do not intend to trouble you with a long list of specific items but as an example there are two loans to Messrs. G. P. and H. A. Lammett on the security of shares which according to the report, on a valuation of December 31, last show an approximate excess of loan over security of \$181,000 and \$22,500 respectively on that date. Unfortunately there are many other similar cases.

Interest on loans is in a large number of cases in default. Such items have in many cases been credited to revenue and merely added on to the amount of the loan and general managers' commission has been charged thereon. It is impossible to estimate the sum involved at present, but this is a matter for the accountants to go into more fully. Needless to say, the inclusion of such debts in the balance sheet as good assets tends to create an altogether false impression of the company's standing, and I am afraid that a large portion of

## EASY MONEY.

### PRIVATE CAR DRIVER'S TEMPTATION.

COSTS \$50.

The practice of using private cars for public hire was described as a proper nuisance when Divisional Inspector Peter Grant charged a Chinese driver with the offence before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

According to facts stated in Court, a vigilant European Sergeant had observed the car, which belongs to one Lau Cho, of No. 98, Bonham Strand East, running backwards and forwards with passengers at 3.30 this morning. Defendant was arrested in the act of striking a bargain with two passengers to take them to Stanley Street for \$1.

Defendant was given the option of a fine of \$50, or four weeks.

those sums will need to be written off entirely.

In addition to the matters which fall under the heads already mentioned there are many other transactions which require further investigation.

Loans have been made on various securities; for example, borrowings by Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., the accounts and valuations calculated to December 31, 1925 showing the firm to be indebted to the company in a sum of \$259,000—the security being partly shares and partly goods—with an estimated excess of indebtedness over security of \$77,000.

There is a total of roughly \$20,000 outstanding of promissory notes without any security whatsoever. And large sums are due to the company for storage charges in some cases going back nearly ten years. We cannot, of course, expect to recover all these at this late date.

Estimate of Losses:—Without going more fully into the position, the preliminary statements show that loans on shares and property are in excess of security to the extent of approximately \$1,750,000 but we sincerely hope that the full loss will not amount to this sum. In addition, there are the smaller items such as bad debts, unpaid interest, etc., allowance for which will have to be made and we place the losses to be met at an outside figure of \$2,000,000. This may mean a drastic adjustment of the issued capital or possibly re-organisation of the company. As to this, it is impossible to form an opinion until a more complete investigation has been carried out.

At the present moment I am not prepared to suggest to what extent the officers of the company can be held liable for the losses incurred. It would be undesirable in our committee's opinion to do so until necessary investigations have been completed and all the facts known.

Proposals for Future:—The foregoing gives you as concisely as possible the present position of the company and I now propose to deal with the immediate future. I suggest that as it is impossible for a large body to deal with the situation, you be asked to nominate three representatives from your number to represent you and to co-operate with the members of the present consulting committee to continue the investigations and to report to you at a later date together with any recommendations they are able to make as to the future of the company. To be of practical use, this committee should have your authority to employ such expert knowledge as they may deem necessary. They should also be empowered to engage temporarily or permanently such persons as they deem necessary either for purposes of this investigation or for the proper conduct of the company's business. In this connection, the investigating accountants have called our attention to the necessity of having more assistants for the godown part of the business, and your committee consider it most desirable to employ for a limited period a qualified accountant to assist in the completion of the investigation and to install an efficient and up-to-date system of accounting.

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## ARMED ROBBERS.

### BREAK UP A MAH JONG PARTY.

### BROKER'S WIFE STABBED.

A party of Chinese engaged in a game of mah jong at No. 26, Kennedy Street, first floor, last night received a visit from four men, three armed with daggers and one with a revolver. The wife of Tan Cheong, a broker, called out "save life" and for this she was stabbed in the shoulder. She was later sent to the Government Civil Hospital. The robbers, who had remained in the house for some time and had collected a little loot, decamped on the call for help.

## TRUCK DEATH.

### ACCIDENT AT KENNEDY TOWN.

### A WOMAN VICTIM.

A accident attended with instantaneous death took place at Kennedy Town yesterday afternoon, the victim being a Chinese, coolie woman living at Belcher Street.

A two-wheeled truck heavily loaded with iron was being pulled along Catechick Street with a number of coolies leaning on ropes in front and others pushing behind. The rope on which a woman had placed her weight snapped and she was thrown down, but before she could get clear of the truck a wheel ran over her body, killing her on the spot.

## NAUGHTY DOGGIE.

### DISLIKES WATER AND BITES AMAH.

### NOW REPENTING.

A little forgetfulness on the part of a fox terrier owned by Mrs. S. L. Hadden, of Pratt Building, Kowloon, transferred the animal from its comfortable home to the seclusion of the dog camp at Kennedy Town yesterday. The other injured party was an amah who was engaged in an act of cleanliness and was bitten in the hand. She received treatment at the Kowloon Dispensary.

## MOTOR MISHAPS.

### SEVERAL CASES OF INJURY.

A number of motor accidents occurred yesterday in which two European drivers of cars were involved, the mishaps being all in the thickly populated area of Queen's Road East.

In the case of Mr. R. E. Atwell, who ran into a Japanese on a push cycle, he estimates that \$50 damage was done to his car.

Mr. H. F. Burgess, of the A.P.C., knocked down a man who received injuries to the head and had to be taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

In three separate accidents, in one of which Robert Yeung, a motor cyclist, was involved, small boys were injured, but they refused to go to hospital.

### "TRICK" CYCLING.

A Chinese youth who did "trick" cycling with his hands off the handle bar on a main thoroughfare was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with dangerous riding and two other counts. The prosecution asking for deterrent punishment to mitigate the evil the Magistrate imposed fines aggregating \$45.

### TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/3 1/16.

## MANILA FLIGHT.

### SPANISH AIRMAN REACHES TRIPOLI.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tripoli, April 7. The remaining Spanish airman has arrived here from Tunis.

### COMING TO HONGKONG.

The flight is being made in three Breguet aeroplanes to the Philippines, via North Africa, Cairo, Karachi, Calcutta and Cochin-China. The pilots are the three Spanish "Aces," Captains Gallarza, Estevez and Loriga. Each has one mechanic.

Private advices from Madrid to the "China Mail" yesterday indicate that the aviators will touch at Hongkong on their way to Manila.

## MILL STRIKE.

### ALLEGED ASSAULT AND ITS SEQUEL.

### GRAVE SITUATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Calcutta, April 7. A very grave situation is reported from Gouripur, 25 miles from Calcutta, where thousands of mill workers have struck as the sequel to a European's alleged assault on a coolie, who died.

The situation became worse in the evening, Europeans being assaulted and four injured. Armed police have been summoned.

### Allegations Denied.

Calcutta, Later. The arrival of armed police from Barrackpore has quieted the rioters at Gouripur, though the coolies have not returned to work. The European mentioned earlier denies the allegations of assaulting a coolie.

Religious ferment in Calcutta itself has not yet subsided, being nurtured by false rumours of assaults, desecrations of temples and mosques, and Mohammedans being killed in the streets.

To-day a British lady was injured.

A number of Hindus and Moslems are in hospital suffering from lathi blows and stabs.

Sir Hugh Stevenson is touring the area, conferring with leaders of both communities.

## CIVIL WAR.

### REPORTED DEVELOPMENT IN SHANTUNG.

### FRONT LINE WITHDRAWAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tsingtiao, April 8. Pi Shou-chen has returned here from Tientsin to-day.

A Tientsin report says that owing to some development in Shantung, the nature of which cannot at present be ascertained, there has been a large movement of Shantung troops from this vicinity for Tschow and Tsinanfu.

As a consequence the front line against Peking has been withdrawn from Huangsun to Wanchuang.

## MARCH 18.

### CABINET AND NON-COMMUNIST VICTIMS.

### COMPENSATION ANNOUNCED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, April 8. The Cabinet has resolved to compensate the non-Communist students who were wounded and the families of those who were killed in the demonstration against the Cabinet on March 18.

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## SCHOOL'S PROGRESS.

## GROWTH OF THE WAH YAN.

MR. HORNELL'S ADVICE.

The growth of the Wah Yan School since 1919 from a class of four to the number of 400 and with a branch in Kowloon was referred to at the prize distribution yesterday.

Mr. W. W. Hornell C.B.E., Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hongkong, who presented the prizes, congratulated the school on its growth and remarked that eleven students had been sent to the University from the school.

It had been suggested, said Mr. Hornell, that a University education was not a proper preparation for life and that the graduates at universities always look things luxuriously and become snobbish.

If that was a fact, which he did not believe it to be, there was something wrong with the University and the students who went to them. If education meant anything it was meant, as the Governor had said, to bring out the best of everything that was in us.

He would advise the students of the Wah Yan School to strive to do everything to perfection. As Chinese they were great inheritors of traditions and culture. They were all wanted to take their share in the modern education which was now being offered them, and not to desert their traditional studies.

It was his great hope to make the University an institution where great importance would be attached to the study of the Chinese language. He himself had little knowledge of Chinese literature, but he had learned that Chinese always attached the greatest importance to manners, which reminded him of the famous motto, "embellished on the portals of two of the greatest institutions in England, that 'Manners maketh man'."

The better educated one was, the better one's manners would become, and that would make relationship with one's fellow men more stable.

In conclusion, Mr. Hornell congratulated the school and the staff for the good results of the year.

## Head's Report.

The following report was then read by Mr. P. Tsui of the year's work of the school.

There were 341 meetings during the year. The highest number on roll was 430, and the average daily attendance, 374.

Special attention was paid to the teaching of English, Chinese, Mandarin, Mathematics and Physics. Scripture was taught in the higher classes, while the boys of the lower classes regularly attended religious instruction in the Roman Catholic Cathedral.

Weekly tests were given to every class throughout the school and the exercise books were carefully corrected. At the annual final examination, over 90 per cent. of the boys passed and were promoted.

Swedish drill was made compulsory throughout the school. Boys were encouraged to join the gymnastics and jiu-jitsu class conducted by our very able physical instructor, Mr. A. J. Maurice.

The school was visited during the year by Dr. E. M. Minett, Medical Officer of Health of Schools, and by Mr. A. R. Sutherland, the acting Inspector of English Schools.

In her report, Dr. Minett said that the premises and the health of the pupils had been well cared for and was satisfactory.

In the report of the Inspector of Schools, he said that the building and equipment were good, and the discipline was very good. He also said that the staff was adequate; the written work, very good; dictation, satisfactory throughout; and the gymnastics, well taught by a capable instructor.

Local University Examinations: We have been very fortunate during the last three years in the results of the local University examinations.

In 1923, Chung Kue-suen, who obtained honours and distinction in English and Mandarin, was awarded a Government studentship.

In 1924, Ng Tai-ping, who also obtained honours and distinction in Chinese, was awarded a Government studentship and the King Edward VII. scholarship.

In 1925, Chung Hok-nang, who distinguished himself in Physics, was awarded the Government Educational scholarship.

At the examination held in December, 1925, all the boys in classes 1 and 2 sat for the matriculation and junior local respectively. Out of 14 boys presented for the matriculation, 8 matriculated and one obtained the senior certificate.

Chung Hok-nang obtained distinction in Physics and was awarded the Government Educational scholarship. Sung Shou-tin distinguished himself in Trigonometry; and Yung Kai-yin in History, which is one of the hardest subjects in which to obtain distinction.

Of the 17 junior boys presented for the examination, 11 passed. Wong Tso-fan, obtained distinction in Arithmetic; Lin Soung-yick in

Mathematics; and Woon Ten-fook in English.

At present 11 of our graduates are studying in the Hongkong University. We have no doubt that the number will keep on increasing every year.

Staff: At the beginning of the year, the staff consisted of 20 teachers. When the "strike" came, they were all paid off. At the reopening of the school in September, owing to the greatly reduced number of pupils, only 14 of them were re-engaged.

At the end of the year, owing to the growth of the branch school in Kowloon, which requires a part of my time for management, I had to relinquish the headmastership, which was offered to and accepted by Mr. Lim Hoi-lan, who more than any one else has helped me to make the school what it is to-day.

Since the beginning of the current year, Messrs. Lui Sun-lu, B.S., Lo Sek-ten, B.Sc., Wong Tuen-po, and Huang Lau-shu, all of whom are experienced teachers, have rejoined the staff.

Branches: Our branch school in Kowloon is getting on quite satisfactorily. There were 141 boys on the roll in June last, and now there are 174. The headmaster is Mr. Wai Chung-yue, who is assisted by a staff of five other teachers.

Playground & Laboratory: We feel the want of a playground very badly; and our boys are greatly handicapped in their physical training. Adjoining the school building there is a vacant plot on which we hope to be able to put up a building to relieve the present congested condition of the grounds on the ground floor, which we wish to turn into a playground for the boys.

In this proposed building we intend to fit up a laboratory for the teaching of physics, so that our boys may not be obliged to attend the Technical Institute where they have to go at present for the practical part of their lessons.

To realise our hope we need outside help. We are contemplating an appeal to the public for subscription, but we fear the present is not the proper time to do so.

When conditions in the Colony are better, we trust that with the help and assistance of the Hongkong Government, which is ever ready to promote education, of the Catholic Mission, which has always given us encouragement and support, and of the generous public, who have never failed to help a good cause, we shall see our long-cherished dream materialise.

Before closing my report, I should like to thank the staff for their willing co-operation during the year, and Mr. Hornell for his kindness in consenting to distribute the prizes.

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"At the mornings particularly my fingers were so stiff that I could hardly move them at all. My wife mentioned to me about a neighbour who had been very much benefited by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and more to please her than anything else I agreed to try them. Within a week or so I began to feel better. I continued the pills, and the improvement became more marked, the rheumatism gradually growing less acute, and then gradually leaving one joint after another. My recovery is solely due to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

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## BOXING.

## A FIGHTER'S RIGHT TO APPEAL. SHOULD IT BE GRANTED?

Should a boxer, after he has been adjudged the loser of a contest that he appears to have won by a big margin of points, be given the right to appeal against the decision?

This important and, so far as Great Britain is concerned, new question arises as the result of the verdict delivered by Mr. J. Palmer at the Ring, London, when to the surprise of ninety-nine per cent. of the spectators, he ruled that Johnny Sullivan, of Covent Garden, had beaten Len Harvey, of Plymouth, after a contest of 26 rounds.

The fight, in almost everyone's view, was one-sided, because Harvey was faster, cleverer, and a much better boxer than his opponent, and also because it was assumed by practically every person in the building, that he had won almost every round.

Not for a long time have I seen a man look so amazed as was Harvey when the referee indicated Sullivan as the winner, writes Trevor C. Wignall in the "Daily Mail." The latter, as though equally astonished, stood still for a moment and then displayed his pleasure by leaping high in the air and capering about the ring.

So certain were the betting element that Harvey had won of points that around me bets of 5 to 1 against Sullivan were freely offered. The verdict was received with a hurricane of incredulity and fury that for a time turned the hall into a Beldam of shrieks and howls and imprecations.

## Rules Want Altering.

According to our present laws, referees' decisions must be accepted if chaos is to be avoided. But I think a case has now been made out for a revision of the rules.

When a mistake is made—and I feel certain that Mr. Palmer was wrong in giving the victory to Sullivan—the defeated boxer should be permitted to appeal to the Board of Control. It seems to me that this is the only fair way out of a difficulty that is constantly arising; a difficulty, too, that is almost solely responsible for the uproars and scenes that are so often occurring.

The evidence that a boxer should be allowed to call on his own behalf might well be left to his discretion. He would not, of course, ask ordinary spectators to come forward as witnesses—that would merely give rise to the suspicion that the prejudiced had been selected—but there is no reason at all why he could not ask the promoter, the timekeeper, and others of similar standing to appear at the appeal.

In addition, he might be given the right to put in Press reports, or, if he so desired, request a certain number of journalists present at the contest either to prepare statements or else attend the meeting.

Harvey's case stands out because the circumstances were unusual. He was unbeaten until this fight, but, apart from that, the financial side of the matter affected him very materially. The purse was \$550, of which the winner took the major portion, while there were also side-stakes of \$100. From this point of view alone it will probably be generally agreed that it is not proper that a boxer should be made to suffer when a referee's verdict is not only combated by himself, but by almost every onlooker. The right to appeal, therefore, should be instituted at once.

## Who Should Decide?

There is, so far as I know, no definite American rule that covers the point, but I believe it is possible for a boxer to appeal to the New York State Athletic Commission. While on this subject there is one other suggestion I would like to make. It is that the custom of leaving the verdict solely to the referee should forthwith be abandoned. No man is infallible, and I am now more than ever in favour of competent judges. In the United States the referee is never asked for an opinion unless there is the necessity for a casting vote.

That is also the system at the National Sporting Club and at most other places throughout Europe. In France, however, the referee is merely a ringmaster. In every fight in Paris, for example, there are three judges, the consequence being that the referee has no more to do with the decision than one of the seconds. It is unfortunate that the British Board of Control is doing so little with the occurrences that are constantly arising. I am at together with those who think that the present body should be scrapped and another with more energy appointed.

If the board, as now constituted, have any wish to make clear that it has the right to boxing at

## SHANSI IN.

## "MODEL GOVERNOR" JOINS THE FRAY. POSITION OF PEKING.

Mukden, March 28.

A telegram received from General Yen Hsi-shan, Tupan of Shansi, dated March 19, states: After leaving Shihchiachung by two routes for the south our troops have now occupied Yuan Shih, Kao Yi, Nei Kiu, Sha Ho, She Hsien and Jen Hsien. We have taken 10,000 prisoners and the district is cleared of the enemy. Arrangements have been made with the Suiyuan Railway as requested.—Reuter.

Yen Hsi-shan is the so-called "Model Governor" of Shansi. For about five years he remained strictly neutral in the political turmoil but recently threw in his lot with the Kuomintang. Now, however, he has joined Wu Peifu and is attacking the Kuomintang.

Tientsin, March 30.

Rumour has it that General Yen Hsi-shan, Tang Chih-yao and Fang Chen-wu, on the plea of an armed mediation, have jointly called on the 1st Kuomintang Army immediately to evacuate Peking, with a view to the establishing of a new power in the capital and for the support of the Chief Executive, Marshal Tuan.—Eastern N. A.

Tientsin, March 30.

Advices from Peking state that the troops of the 1st Kuomintang Army, which had been stationed within the walls there, completed their withdrawal to-day and that those of the 1st Kuomintang Army in the first line of battle also began to withdraw.—Eastern N. A.

Mukden, March 30.

At the military conference held at Chinwangtao yesterday between Marshal Chang Tso-lin, General Chang Chung-chang, General Wu Chin-sheng and General Chang, leaders of the Fengtien faction, it was decided to strengthen the union of the Fengtien faction and to start vigorous action for the annihilation of the Kuomintang troops. As regards a division of spheres of influence, arrangements were made for mutual understanding, to prevent any internal discord after the settlement of the situation.—Eastern N. A.

Failure of Peace Move.

Peking, March 30.

It is evident that the announcement recently made by the Kuomintang leaders, that they would stick to Peking to the bitter end and is being modified, and their preparations for withdrawal from the capital are gradually taking shape.

The peace movement on the part of Marshal Wang Shih-chien and other veteran statesmen apparently has failed, for General Li Ching-lin's forces are still pressing on Peking.

It appears that a final battle between the allied troops and the Kuomintang forces is inevitable. Perceiving this, the Kuomintang leaders are therefore striving to get the good offices of the Diplomatic Body in arranging terms with their opponents.—Eastern N. A.

Tientsin, March 30.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin to-day left Chinwangtao for Mukden, while General Chang Hsueh-liang, Chang Chung-chang and Li Ching-lin have returned here from Chinwangtao.—Eastern N. A.

Tientsin, March 31.

General Chang Hsueh-liang (son of Chang Tso-lin), who left Tientsin at nine last night for Tientsin, accompanied by Generals Chang Chung-chang and Li Ching-lin, arrived here at midnight.—Reuter.

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"It's the one I always use," he replied.

heart, it should call an immediate meeting, pass a rule making the appointment of judges compulsory at any important contest, and at least discuss whether the time has not arrived for a defeated boxer to be given the right to appeal against a verdict that by common consent is unsatisfactory.

## QUARRY FATALITY.

## COOLIES CRASH TO DEATH. A LOOSE ROCK.

Failure to fasten the rope securely round his waist was said at an inquest yesterday on an earth cooler to have been the cause of his fall from a Government quarry.

The cooler was working at the quarry at North Point and was carrying a rock which had been loosened by blasting the previous day. A witness stated that the safety rope was wound round the man's arm instead of being attached to his waist, so that when the rock moved he went down with it.

A European supervisor at the quarry said that instructions were given to the coolies working there that the safety ropes must be fastened to the waist.

The inquiry was adjourned in order that the foreman who was on duty on the morning of the fatality could be called to give evidence.

## OBITUARY.

## MR. L. STANLEY PERERA.

A victim of acute bronchitis after an illness of two months, there passed away at the Kowloon Hospital at 4.35 p.m. yesterday a member of a Sinhalese family in the person of Mr. L. Stanley Perera at the age of 36.

The late Mr. Perera left Ceylon in 1912 for the Straits Settlements and was later for a number of years in the service of the North Borneo Trading Co., Ltd., at Sandakan. He was connected with the local firm of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Company for nearly four years, being recently transferred to the China Light and Power Company.

Always of a kind disposition and willing to help with his knowledge of business matters, he was popular with his colleagues in Hongkong.

Deceased served as a special constable during the seamen's strike and in the recent trouble gave valuable assistance in the maintaining of the tramway service.

The funeral passes the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day for the Catholic cemetery.

## PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

The following is a list of European passengers which sailed per s.s. "Arafura" yesterday for Australia:—Miss J. Foster, Mr. F. Grimwade, Capt. and Mrs. R. B. Blayney, Miss R. E. M. Knuckey, Lieut. A. K. Baxendale, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ingham, Miss Bloom, Mr. J. F. Kennedy, Mr. S. E. Joseph, Miss A. Hultizina, Mr. Theodore Lewis, Miss C. Moerk, and Dr. K. W. McBurnie.

"I wish to know, sir, if you called me an ass."

"I did, but qualified it."

"Aha, sir, you qualified it?"

"Pray, how?"

"I said you were an ass—all but the ears."

## FIRST AID.

## DISPLAY BY KOWLOON SECTION. MEDALS AWARDED.

The first parade held by the newly formed Kowloon section of the St. John Ambulance Brigade took place yesterday at Yau-mat-School, drills being gone through and addresses given by Mr. J. Kallston, the Section Commander, and Mr. E. Ralphs, Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Brigade of Hongkong.

Medals were given for a written competition in which Privates Wong-pur and Wong Po-chu tied with 75 per cent. each.

Mr. Ralphs presented the medals and congratulated the Section on its efficiency. They should not strive to get a large rank and file, he said, as a maximum of 50 was quite sufficient, but the whole 50 should be good First Aid men, always striving to make themselves better. They should work smartly and learn to do the right thing at the right time.

Competitions were extremely useful in sharpening up the knowledge of the Section, and he was pleased to announce that Mr. Ho

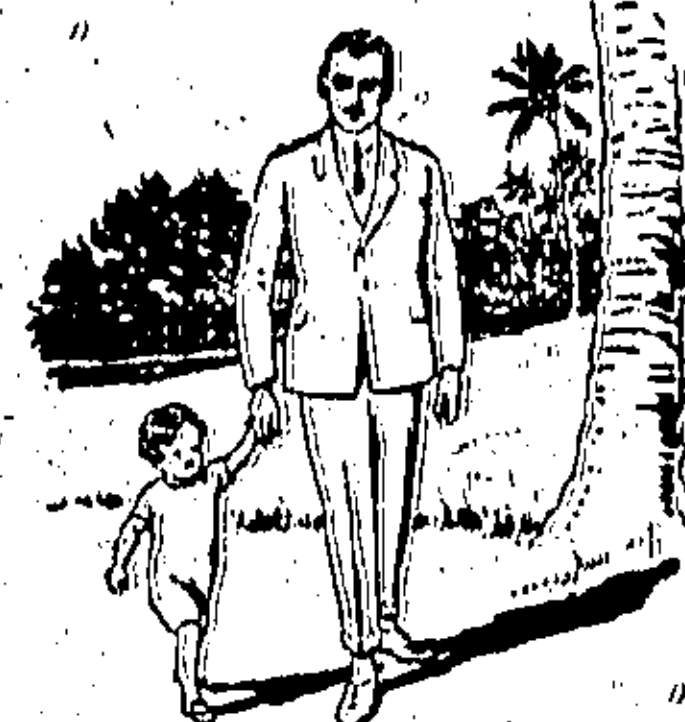
Kom-tong, who had wished to be present but could not attend owing to an urgent engagement elsewhere, had signified his intention of presenting a Challenge Trophy, in the shape of a shield or cup, to be competed for by the Section as between stretcher squads.

Mr. Ralphs spoke of the need for individual smartness in uniform, equipment and conduct, as the manner of the one reflected upon the whole.

Mr. Ralphs, as Commissioner, then promoted Corporal Hon Yuk-lee to Sergeant, to rank from date.

After dismissal of the parade, tea was served at decorated tables which had been set up in the school yard.

An amusing yarn about Fred Terry was being told at the Green Room Club recently. When his son Dennis was at school, the headmaster mentioned in an otherwise excellent report that the boy occasionally used somewhat fiery language, adding that he was at a loss to understand where he picked it up. Down went Fred to the school and upon being ushered into the master's room, began: "What the — is all this talk about Dennis's language?" "Say no more," replied the master, "I quite understand now."



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Rome, April 7.

Whilst Signor Mussolini was leaving the International Congress of Surgery an unknown elderly woman shot him with a revolver at almost point blank range, wounding him slightly in the nose.

Signor Mussolini, who was very calm, immediately gave directions with a view to preventing a disturbance.

The woman, with the greatest difficulty, was rescued from the incensed crowd and taken to prison.

**Celebrating Escape.**

Rome, later.

Flags are flying all over the city in celebration of the Premier's escape. An enormous throng was stationed in front of Signor Mussolini's residence. Two registers at the porter's lodge were completely filled with signatures of well wishers, including the members of the Diplomatic Corps.

Signor Mussolini telegraphed to the Majesty the King informing His Majesty of the attempted assassination and reassuring him as regards his health. The Duke of Aosta and the Attorney-General were among the Premier's visitors.

Identity of Assailant.

Signor Mussolini's assailant gave her name as Violet Albina Gibbon, 50 years of age, and a British subject.

A Known Eccentric.

London, April 7.

In connection with the attack on Signor Mussolini, Reuter is informed by a member of Lord



BENITO MUSSOLINI

**Further Details.**

Rome, later.

In a speech at the International Congress of Surgery, which was attended by 600 delegates, Signor Mussolini praised the surgeon's heroic fight against death, mentioning: "I myself experienced your marvellous skill as a soldier in the Great War."

Later, on leaving the Capitol, accompanied by a number of doctors, Signor Mussolini, who was loudly cheered by the crowd, acknowledged the tributes from the Roman salute.

As he crossed the square to go to his motor car an elderly woman, wearing dark clothes, dashed from the crowd, whipped out a revolver, and fired, wounding Signor Mussolini in the lower part of the nose.

Three officers immediately seized her and prevented further shots being fired. They also protected her from the fury of the crowd, which tried to lynch her.

**Dripping With Blood.**

When he was hit Signor Mussolini put his hand to his nose and withdrew it dripping with blood. The celebrated surgeon, Dr. Bastianelli, who was accompanying him, immediately pressed his handkerchief to the Premier's nose to check the bleeding.

Signor Mussolini returned to the Capitol and the surgeons applied first aid dressings.

Signor Mussolini immediately ordered that no reprisals be taken against his assailant. He was most composed and reassured his anxious entourage that "the wound was nothing." He then motored to his residence, to which various distinguished people hastened to condole with him.

Dr. Bastianelli issued a bulletin, stating: "The wound due to the gunshot perforated the nostrils, but it is not serious."

**Profound Indignation.**

Rome, later.

The news of the attempt on Signor Mussolini spread rapidly throughout the city and caused profound indignation among all sections of the populace, especially in the Central District.

Feelings ran high and a number of young people marched to the offices of the Opposition newspaper Mondo, where they violently protested and damaged the plant.

The authorities immediately issued strict orders to suppress the excesses.

**AN ENGAGING SIDE.**

The Fierce Nationalism of Mussolini.

"Even those whom Signor Mussolini calls the 'melancholy worshippers' of the constitutional proprieties will not deny that the author of the 'black-shirted' revolution has an engaging side to his astonishingly aggressive personality," said the "Manchester Guardian" a couple of years ago. It added:—

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least to a large part of it, tired and depressed by the weakness and instability of short-lived Italian Governments.

"Italy seems to be in the mood to worship a strong man without inquiring too closely into the sources of his strength or even knowing very clearly how he intends to use it. If that is what she wants, Signor Mussolini fills the bill with a somewhat alarming thoroughness. His speech to the Chamber carried audacity to the point of insolence, and the more firmly he trampled upon the right of that assembly the more thunderous grew the applause. He explained that his consulting it at all was a matter of form; that, though there were but a handful of Fascist deputies, he had 300,000 fully armed men outside; that so long as the Chamber did as he commanded he would be graciously pleased to pursue the forms of Parliamentary procedure, but that if need be he would dispense with its services. There was much more in the same strain, and if the Italians approve of the strange rôle assigned to their elected representatives there is not much more to be said by other people.

"But it is not a little disturbing to find a autocracy again established in a European State, and Signor Mussolini's references to foreign relations, though tuned to a different key must be read in the light of his dictatorial domestic policy. In parts his attitude on foreign affairs is definitely liberal, as in his desire to make a final settlement with Russia, his willingness to revise treaties after demonstration of their proved 'absurdities,' and in his commercial policy. But it contains also most conspicuously an element of fierce Nationalism which may be easily provoked. Italy is to play second fiddle to none; if her friendship is valued it must be paid for; she will play for her own hand and eschew an 'insensate altruism.' This is a frame of mind which, though not peculiar to Signor Mussolini, is always dangerous, and particularly dangerous in one who has seized and still holds despotic power."

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daughter.

HOLLAND.—On March 30, 1926,  
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son.

THOMSEN.—On March 30, 1926,  
to Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomsen,  
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Hongkong, Thursday, April 8, 1926.

### TO PREVENT RABIES.

On Friday the muzzling order  
comes into force with a view to  
preventing the spread of rabies  
and the risks of hydrophobia.  
Since the first cases of both  
diseases became known there has  
naturally been a little anxiety on  
the part of owners of dogs for the  
safety of their pets. As there  
are, however, many more dogless  
persons than there are owners of  
dogs the discussion on the merits  
and demerits of the shooting of  
straying dogs has been rather one-  
sided. A dog cannot exactly be  
classed as a necessity. Even the  
faithful watch dog can be doped  
by potential thieves.

In the anxiety of owners of dogs  
to protect their animals from a  
sudden end there has perhaps  
been a tendency to ignore the  
other side of the picture—the  
grave risk to the inhabitants of  
being bitten by a rabies-infected  
animal and contracting hydro-  
phobia. The general community  
has a right to demand the fullest  
form of protection possible, even  
if it were deemed necessary to  
shoot every dog in the Colony.  
Such a drastic step, of course,  
need not be anticipated. But it  
would be a thousand times better  
than running the risk of an  
epidemic of hydrophobia.

If the inoculation of dogs  
against rabies can be claimed to  
be successful, then it is surely the  
duty of the owners of dogs to  
ensure that this is done with the

least possible delay. There must  
be a register of persons whose  
dogs have been duly licensed. Let  
these be called upon to produce  
their dogs for inoculation—at the  
expense of the Government if  
need be, for parsimony in a matter  
of this kind ought not to cloud the  
issue—and, following a certificate  
of inoculation, the dog ought to be  
free of further restrictions.  
Failure to produce a dog for  
inoculation, or failure to produce  
the certificate of inoculation,  
ought to render the owner liable  
to surrender both the licence and  
the animal.

Muzzling, of course, may be  
expected to do something toward  
averting the spread of rabies. But  
it is by no means an ideal  
method. Dogs need not be treated  
(as so many are) as children  
and pampered and petted accord-  
ingly; but this does not mean  
either that they can be dealt with  
in any of spirit of callousness or  
cruelty. That is why the indis-  
criminate shooting of dogs is to be  
depreciated. How can the shoot-  
ers know whether the victim of  
their bullet has or has not been  
inoculated against rabies? In  
any case they ought to be able to  
discriminate against the average  
type of house dog and the kind  
that is nothing less than a pariah.  
If the "owner of the former is  
guilty of sins of omission why  
should the dog be made to suffer  
for them?

The system of lassoing dogs  
and placing them in a cage has  
been followed elsewhere, in the  
East on the occasion of an out-  
break of rabies; and there has  
been no public outcry. In fact  
there has been a universal desire  
to help the authorities in every  
way possible. That spirit could  
just as easily be invoked here and  
the menace of both rabies and  
hydrophobia would speedily dis-  
appear.

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He might have written the same  
of Hongkong. If we do not sub-  
scribe to the dictum that Hong-  
kong is dull, it does not follow that  
we are satisfied that conditions  
cannot be improved. They can.  
It is like flogging dead horses to  
refer once again to the spectacle  
of the Colony's museum and  
library, and the absence, among  
other things, of band perfor-  
mances. Here, at the gateway to  
China, it is conceivable to imagine  
a library stocked with books that  
matter, and a museum that con-  
tains specimens of the wonderful  
things to be found in the Far  
East. Unhappily we are forced  
to fall back upon imagination.  
And if these two things are evi-  
dence of the Colony's imagina-  
tion, some day—when an

Ordinance is introduced compell-  
ing our wealthy ones to leave a  
portion of the things they have  
acquired so readily in this place,  
the nucleus will be provided for a  
stately building to house books  
and specimens, and to pay for the  
services of a Librarian and Cur-  
ator. Then we shall have that  
Aquarium occasionally mentioned,  
and an endowment big enough to  
cover the deficit on maintaining  
a city band. And when holidays  
come along, these buildings will  
not be closed, but will be open to  
those who may have "nowhere to  
go"—or what perhaps is more  
true not the wherewithal to go  
further afield. The band will  
discourse the "sweet sounds"  
which are capable of instilling a  
sense of brightness. All these  
are simple matters. The absence  
of them would seem to denote an  
absence of the communal spirit.  
What should be everybody's busi-  
ness is on no-one's; and we grope  
along, when a little leadership and  
more public-spirit would drag  
Hongkong from the spirit of the  
little village in which it has  
lain for so long.

### WEDDING BELLS.

YESTERDAY'S CATHEDRAL  
CEREMONY.

LOWCOCK—KOTEWALL.

A pretty wedding took place at  
St. John's Cathedral yesterday,  
when the contracting parties were  
Mr. Henry Lowcock, son of Mr. G.  
Lowcock of No. 15, Babin-ton  
Path, and Miss Mabel Kotewall,  
daughter of Mr. S. Kotewall, of  
No. 57, Conduit Road.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay and the  
Rev. T. B. Powell officiated.

The bride who was given away  
by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall,  
was charmingly attired in a dress  
of white crepe with a wide  
circular flounce of silver lace.  
The beautiful train was made of  
the same material, and was also  
appliqued with silver lace. Her  
veil of tulle illusion, was finished  
off with a diadem of pearls and  
orange blossoms, and she carried  
a shower bouquet of white roses  
and lilies.

Miss Mabel Kotewall, the little  
flower girl, led the way strewing  
flowers in the bride's path. Her  
dress was made of very fine  
shadow lace, finished off with  
dainty hand-made flowers. Her  
hair was similarly trimmed.

Miss Bobby Kotewall, as page-  
boy in the style of Louis XIV.,  
wore a costume of white roman  
satin, lined with silver tissue.

Miss Phoebe Kotewall, the maid  
of honour, was dressed in white  
georgette, trimmed with silver and  
pale blue embroidery. Her  
bandeau and bouquet were made  
of forget-me-nots.

Misses Doris and Helen Kotewall,  
the bridesmaids, were dressed in  
pale pink nixon, trimmed with  
bands of silver. They also wore  
bandeaux to match the dresses,  
of silver and pink tissue, and carried  
bouquets of pale pink roses and  
sweet peas.

Mr. George Zimmern was "best  
man."

Following the ceremony a recep-  
tion, attended by numerous friends,  
was held at 57, Conduit Road.

The honeymoon is being spent in  
Shanghai. The bride's going away  
dress was of silver grey marocaine  
lined with pale pink charmeuse.  
She wore a grey hat to match the  
dress.

### FATAL SEIZURE.

MR. T. F. CUTHBERTSON'S  
SUDDEN DEATH.

IN A RICHSA.

Following a sudden seizure  
while riding over Cavenagh  
Bridge in a richsa on March 26,  
Mr. T. F. Cuthbertson died in the  
General Hospital, Singapore, on  
the following day from the effects  
of cerebral hemorrhage. Mr.  
Cuthbertson, who first came to  
Singapore in the employ of Sir  
John Jackson, Ltd., the contrac-  
tors, eighteen years ago, only re-  
turned to Singapore from England  
a few weeks ago. He spent  
several years of his life out here  
planting in various parts of the  
country, but more recently had  
acted as clerk of works in con-  
nection with several public con-  
tractors. The coroner com-  
menced an investigation into the  
circumstances of Mr. Cuth-  
bertson's death, the enquiry being  
adjourned. — "Singapore Free  
Press."

### FOR HUMANITY.

ROCKEFELLER REVISES OFFER  
TO EGYPT.

HINTED WITHDRAWAL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, April 7.

The Press publishes a statement  
by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, jun.,  
that he has authorised his repre-  
sentative in Egypt to withdraw  
his offer of \$10,000,000 for an  
Archaeological Institute, if neces-  
sary, in order to end the con-  
troversy among the Egyptians as  
to whether it is acceptable.  
Meanwhile a revised offer, based  
on the suggestions of Zivari Pasha,  
is being forwarded to Egypt.

STORY OF THE OFFER.

A New York message of February  
15, stated:—



John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, jun.,  
has offered to King Fuad and the  
Egyptian Nation the sum of  
\$10,000,000 for the erection and  
maintenance in Cairo of a great  
museum and archaeological insti-  
tute.

This fact has become known  
through a premature announcement  
of the gift by Prof. James H.  
Breasted of the University of  
Chicago, who at present is in  
Egypt and who will be chairman  
of the trustees of the new museum.



King Fuad.

If King Fuad accepts certain con-  
ditions for the gift which Mr.  
Rockefeller desires to impose. The  
King is said to have been unable  
to acquiesce in these because of  
the insistence on the part of ex-  
treme Egyptian Nationalists that  
control be vested in the Egyptian  
Government.

Mr. Rockefeller, it is asserted,  
desires an American directorate.  
The announcement that Professor  
Breasted's statement was prema-  
ture was made by a representative  
of Mr. Rockefeller in New York.

The negotiations have been in  
progress since last fall. The pro-  
posed museum would house the  
treasures which have been found  
in Egypt, including those taken  
from the tomb of Tut-ankh-Amen  
at Luxor and other places in the  
land of the Pharaohs. One of Mr.  
Rockefeller's negotiators with King  
Fuad is now on his way in the  
United States with a message from  
the King which possibly may be an  
acceptance of the gift.

Never Been in Egypt.

Mr. Rockefeller has never been  
in Egypt, but in recent years he  
has been interested in the excava-  
tion in that country. He is said to  
have followed with avidity the  
excavation of the tomb of Tut-ankh-  
Amen and to have recognized, be-  
cause of the public interest on the  
subject, a new educational value in  
archaeology. During the past five  
or six years he has made large gifts  
for archaeological research in  
Greece, Egypt, Palestine and other  
places on the Mediterranean.

Mr. Rockefeller's wife is an en-  
thusiast on Egyptian art objects  
and is said to be an expert on  
styles and periods of Egyptian  
workmanship. Some of her Egyptian  
bronzes were recently used by  
the Metropolitan Museum of Art  
here in demonstrating a new pro-  
cess for restoring corroded bronzes.  
Formerly Mr. Rockefeller's

### OIL BLAZE.

FOUR MILLION BARRELS ON  
FIRE.

FIFTY TANKS MENACED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

San Luis Obispo (Cal.), April 7.

The largest fire in the history of  
the oil industry here has involved  
four tanks belonging to the Union  
Oil Company and containing nearly  
four million barrels of oil.

A lightning explosion broke hun-  
dreds of windows and shook the  
whole city.  
Hundreds of men are frantically  
constructing dykes to prevent the  
flames spreading to fifty smaller  
tanks in the near vicinity.

### IN A STORM.

TEN FISHING BOATS  
CAPSIZE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, April 7.

According to despatches from  
Hokkaido, ten fishing boats after  
a hard fight against a storm  
capsized off Muroran yesterday,  
resulting in more than 80 people  
being missing.

The local Reservists and police  
are carrying out a search for  
bodies.

### BELGIAN FLIGHT.

MEDITERRANEAN WIND, HAIL  
AND FOG.

(Reuter's Service.)

Brussels, April 7.

The Belgian airmen who have  
arrived at Athens from Cairo took  
9½ hours to cross the Mediter-  
ranean. High wind, hail and fog  
conditions over Crete were so bad that  
they had to make a detour.

theory of giving from one of the  
world's greatest fortunes was that  
of producing the greatest direct  
benefit to mankind. He has now  
added to this theory the aim of  
widening the boundary of human  
knowledge. It was on this under-  
standing, it is said, that he made  
his recent gift of \$20,000 to finance  
a fight to the North Pole. This  
was his first gift either to aviation  
or polar research.

It is the opinion of archaeologists  
that, notwithstanding many  
museums are filled with Egyptian  
art, only a small portion of that  
country's story has been told, and  
that the Rockefeller gift will, if it  
is accepted, go a long way toward  
bringing to light further marvels.

Professor Breasted.

Professor Breasted is noted as an  
Egyptologist. He had an active  
part in the excavations at Luxor  
and previously successfully ex-  
plored Egyptian tombs. Recently  
he began the exploration of the  
square mile constituting Amarna-  
don. It is reported that Mr.  
Rockefeller is financing this work,  
on which active operations will be-  
gin shortly.

In making his premature an-  
nouncement in Cairo, Professor  
Breasted said the offering of the  
great sum to King Fuad by Mr.  
Rockefeller was because Mr.  
Rockefeller realised that the whole  
world, especially the New World of  
the West, owes Egypt a cultural  
debt.



Prof. J. H. Breasted.

He added that in offering to  
establish a research institute in  
conjunction with the new and  
imposing museum, Mr. Rockefeller  
felt that facilities would be afforded  
to scholars to obtain fuller know-  
ledge of the history of civilisation  
and to all Egyptians desiring to re-  
solve the best training as his-  
torians.



## ALCOHOL DIVERSION.

ITS STAGGERING BOOTLEG VALUE.

DRUG STORES GAIN.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 7.

Interest is unabated in the Prohibition enquiry.

The chief witness to-day was Mr. E. R. Buckner, Federal Attorney, New York, who has been considerably in the limelight recently owing to the series of spectacular liquor raids which he organised on numerous hotels and fashionable restaurants.



Mr. Buckner said that the chief difficulty in enforcing Prohibition lay in alcohol diversion, which amounted to \$60,000,000 annually and which, when manufactured into so-called whiskey, reached the staggering bootleg value of \$6 billion dollars.

He testified that drug stores were the chief centres of diversified alcohol. Those in New York City alone were drawing out 48,000,000 gallons annually—a total which was far in excess of the amount which doctors can legally prescribe.

He concluded by stating that only sixteen agents were available to inspect drug stores and doctors' prescriptions.

## CONVALESCENT.

PRINCE OF WALES AT SANDWICH.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 7.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, acting upon the advice of his doctors, left London to-day to spend the first stage of his convalescence at Sandwich, where he has taken a house for a short period.

## PRINCESS VICTORIA.

Progressing Satisfactorily.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 7.

The latest bulletin in regard to H.R.H. Princess Victoria states that the progressed satisfactorily during the day.

## MILITARY TRAINING.

MANOEUVRES ON SALISBURY PLAIN.

MECHANICALISED UNITS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 7.

In this year's military training on Salisbury Plain special importance will be attached to the manoeuvres, which will be devoted entirely to the employment of mechanicalised units.

It is desired to test thoroughly how far horse transport can be dispensed with, and to discover what is the best type of heavy mechanical transport for general use.

It was recently explained by the Secretary of State for War that the required type of mechanical transport must be suitable both from the military and from commercial viewpoints, so that it could be manufactured in large numbers and cheaply.

Designers are already at work on various types of transport, and these will undergo searching trials when built.

## BELGIAN FRANCS.

REMARKABLE RECOVERY IN LONDON.

DEBT SETTLEMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 7.

There has been a remarkable improvement in Belgian francs in London, which opened at 130½ and closed at 124½.

This is a sequel to the Belgian Minister of Finance, M. Janssen, visiting the Treasury, as a result of which all the exterior debts of Belgium and the Belgian Congo to Great Britain have been definitely settled.

## CHINA PROVIDENT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

I would like to give you a few words of encouragement before I sit down. Your company has excellent property at West Point and an excellent godown business, which, if properly managed, could, I feel sure, give shareholders an adequate return on their investment and I therefore ask you to give the committee your wholehearted co-operation to the end that we may once more put the company on a sound and paying basis. It will be necessary to ask you to exercise patience and to attend shareholders' meetings which may have to be numerous in order to keep you fully posted as to progress made and I therefore ask you all to take a live interest in the affairs of the company.

I will now read you the proposals on the agenda after which Mr. Shewan will, I believe, address the meeting. Then each resolution will be proposed in turn and when they have been seconded, will be open for your consideration before asking you to vote.

Mr. Shewan then said:—  
Gentlemen, — You have heard the statement made by Mr. Weall on behalf of the consulting committee arising out of the investigation they have already carried out based on the information we have supplied them with up-to-date, and as you will appreciate, from that statement, only a preliminary investigation has taken place up to the present. We trust that a complete and thorough inquiry and investigation will show a substantially brighter position than is at present indicated by Mr. Weall's statement.

The general managers desire it to be clearly understood that they welcome the appointment of a special investigating committee, and are only too pleased to place all materials they may require at their disposal, and to give them all information they may desire.

I will now deal with some of the points raised in Mr. Weall's statement.

**New Issue of Capital:** The general managers always considered that it was their duty to assist shareholders in taking up their shares and were always willing to extend the time if a reasonable excuse were given. They did not consider that they should have endeavoured to make money out of some shareholders for the benefit of other shareholders.

I do not understand the reference to issuing shares to certain shareholders. No shares were issued except to those who were entitled to them.

I know no reason why interest was not charged, but this matter can be gone into by the committee appointed.

I do not think that there was any such loss as \$100,000 in the allotment of these shares. One large shareholder was given a rather longer extension than usual, as he could not get the money without communicating with his wife in England, but this did not occasion any loss at all to the company, as if the general managers had refused to give him this extension, he would simply have sold his rights to the new shares at a profit to himself, and this remark applies to all other shareholders, and the company would not have made the \$100,000 in any case. As a matter of fact, the company now hold the shares which formerly stood in the name of that shareholder, as he failed to pay the final call.

I cannot see that there was any failure in duty in this case by the general managers.

I do not understand the statement that the committee and shareholders were led to believe that the whole of the 400,000 shares had in fact been taken up, as the printed statement of account dated April 18, 1925, shows that there were 396,247 shares on which \$250 had been paid.

At the meeting of April 30, 1924, the chairman did not intend to lead shareholders to believe that the million dollars cash had already been received, but that the company's resources had been strengthened by the increase of capital to that extent as it subsequently for all practical purposes was.

**Mortgages:** This was a matter for the discretion of the general managers, and they followed the advice of the company's manager, the late Mr. Taylor, who had had many years' experience of property dealings in this Colony.

It will be realised that to get a high rate of interest the margin must be small.

With regard to Tong Hok-ting, Mr. Taylor assured Mr. Shewan that the security was far more than ample for the loan. In fact he stated it was worth something like \$1,000,000.

Subsequent to the dismissal of Mr. Taylor, investigation was made, and it was discovered that although the title deeds had been deposited, no mortgage had been put through. The title deeds were sent to the company's solicitors, who advised that they were not in order in as much as probate duty had not been paid in respect of the property the subject thereof, and we at once communicated with Tong Hok-ting. We have been quite recently (and not two months ago) advised that it is doubtful whether Tong Hok-ting had any right to pledge the securities in question.

**Loans on Shares:** With regard to the loans made to Messrs. Lammert Bros., the amount outstanding on December 31, 1924, including principal and interest at 9 per cent, was \$397,658.23, against which we held securities valued at that date according to Mr. Harman's report of \$466,604.50, which is a margin of over 20 per cent, which was subsequently reduced to between 14 and 15 per cent, by the return of certain securities against a cash payment made by Messrs. Lammert's.

Two further loans were made to Messrs. Lammert Bros., bearing interest at 10 per cent, viz., \$21,000 on May 26, 1925, and \$36,000 on June 4, 1925, against which we held securities valued at that date at \$60,000.

As regards the loans to Messrs. Shewan, Tomas & Co., we believe that we shall be able to satisfy the committee that they were amply secured at the time they were made, and will be fully repaid.

As regards both the loans to Messrs. Shewan, Tomas & Co., and Messrs. Lammert Bros., these loans would still be amply secured but for last year's unprecedented financial crisis.

With regard to the company's practice in making loans generally, it is well known throughout this Colony that the company has for many years past advanced moneys against shares and for the purpose of successfully competing with Chinese banks and others who were conducting a money lending business, advances had frequently to be made on attractive terms.

Interest on loans is treated in the same way as it has always been treated, viz., by charging compound interest with periodical rests and the shareholders have had the benefit of the system in the past.

The late manager certified to what debts were considered good, and when these were passed by the auditors, the general managers felt satisfied with the position.

The company has always advanced money on promissory notes to private persons to a moderate extent.

**General:** Shareholders will appreciate that the excellent godown business referred to by Mr. Weall is representative of the work of all general managers in the past, likewise the acquisition of the valuable properties at West Point, and the general managers agree with the consulting committee that given ordinary and usual commercial conditions, there is no reason why there should not be a speedy recovery of the company's financial position.

In conclusion, gentlemen, you will fully appreciate the extraordinary difficult period through which the company has recently had to pass—a period altogether without precedent in the Colony's annals, and one by which not only this company but every other commercial concern in this Colony has been seriously affected.

Your general managers have no doubt whatever that a return to normal commercial conditions will bring with it a speedy recovery of the finances of the company, and I have no hesitation in attributing the present financial position of the company to the recent financial crisis and resultant commercial conditions.

**THE RESOLUTIONS.**

Mr. Shewan proposed the first resolution, as follows:—

(a) That the Company confirms the measures already taken by the Consulting Committee with reference to the investigations made by them into the financial position of the Company and authorises payment by the Company of auditors' and legal expenses incurred to date in connection therewith.

Rising to second, Mr. L. Dunbar said:—

I have listened to Mr. Weall's speech with interest. I have looked through the statement of the consulting committee's auditors and I do not think that he has exaggerated the losses which the company has suffered.

It will be the duty of the shareholders' representatives to place the blame of these losses where it belongs and to make whatever recovery is possible.

I think Mr. Weall's suggestion that you appoint three of your number to represent you in the further investigation and reorganisation of the business is a sound one. The China Provident can still be made a very prosperous concern if properly handled. I second the resolution.

Mr. C. A. da Rosa then spoke, his address meeting with applause now and then. He said:—

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—Like Mr. Dunbar and every person at this meeting, I am sure, I have listened with great interest to the speech made by Mr. Weall and also to Mr. Shewan's speech as to the charge made against the general managers, but I confess I would have liked to have heard a little more.

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It is inconceivable to me how with any control at all this sad state of affairs could have arisen, and it would be of interest to the shareholders to know the degree of control and attention which the members of the consulting committee have given to the company since their election at the last annual meeting. How many times have they met, and how often have they considered the company's position? Irregularities of a more recent date might have been avoided by an effective control as the result of discovery of the earlier irregularities.

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Resolution (a) was then carried. Mr. T. G. Weall, then proposed resolution (b), and Mr. W. J. Carroll seconded, as follows:—

(b) That three shareholders to be nominated at this present meeting be appointed to act with the Consulting Committee in

completing the investigations of the Company's financial affairs and to report to the shareholders the result of such investigations when completed.

Mr. C. A. da Rosa proposed an amendment which made the resolution read:—

(b) That six shareholders to be nominated at this present meeting be appointed to act with the Consulting Committee as a Committee of Investigation in completing the investigations of the Company's financial affairs and to report to the shareholders the result of such investigations when completed.

Mr. J. M. Alves seconded the amendment. Mr. Wong then volunteered to interpret the amendment for the benefit of Chinese shareholders who did not understand English and was requested to do so.

On being put to the meeting, the amended resolution was carried unanimously (applause). Mr. Weall also voted for the amendment.

Mr. Shewan proposed resolution (c), and Mr. Weall seconded, as follows:—

(c) That the Consulting Committee be authorised to employ auditors and lawyers in connection with such further investigations of the Company's financial affairs and that the costs and expenses incurred thereby be borne and paid by the Company.

Mr. W. J. Carroll proposed, and Mr. N. V. H. Croucher seconded, an amendment which made the resolution read:—

(c) That such Committee of Investigation be authorised to employ auditors, lawyers, architects and any other experts and advisers in connection with such further investigations of the Company's financial affairs and that the costs and expenses incurred thereby be borne and paid by the Company.

This amended resolution was also carried unanimously.

Mr. Shewan proposed, and Mr. Weall seconded, resolution (d) as follows:—

(d) That a qualified accountant be employed by the Company to assist and advise the present staff of the Company.

This was also carried unanimously.

**Mr. Croucher's Questions.**

Mr. N. V. H. Croucher then asked the chairman if Mr. Tong Hok-ting was in the Colony. Mr. Shewan replied that he did not know, but thought that he was in Macao.

Mr. Croucher: Why was not he detained when it was known that his securities were not in order? Mr. Shewan: I do not know; a writ was issued.

**THOSE ELECTED.**

Nominations were then asked for (of shareholders to serve on the committee of investigation).

The names of Mr. L. Dunbar, Mr. A. L. Alves, and Mr. Wong Toon were proposed by Mr. J. M. Alves.

Mr. W. J. Carroll proposed Mr. C. A. da Rosa.

Mr. Wong proposed Mr. N. V. H. Croucher, and Mr. A. Alves proposed Mr. J. M. Alves.

All six names were seconded by Mr. T. G. Weall, and approved unanimously.

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Wife of patient: "Well, sir, we thought we'd wait awhile and give 'im a chance to get over it."

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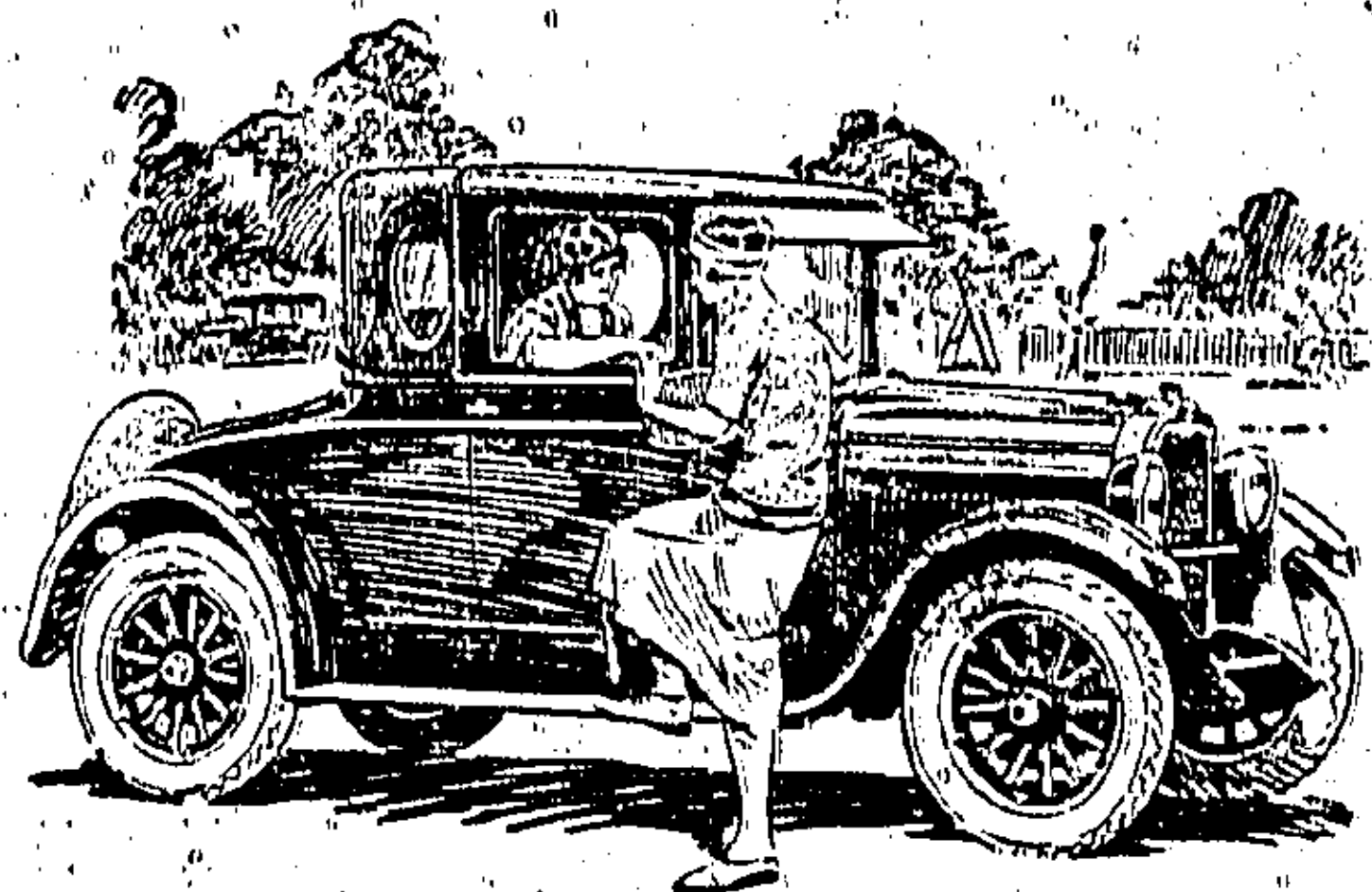
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## LOCAL AND GENERAL

The committee of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce meets to-morrow at 2.30 p.m.

The annual meeting of shareholders of Messrs. Gande, Price & Co. will be held in the company's office on Friday, April 16.

The Singapore branch of the Royal Society of St. George's are holding their first festival dinner and dance at the Europe Hotel on St. George's Day, Friday, April 23.

There has been an increased demand for Singapore currency and the note issue has expanded from \$85,500,000 on 1st January, 1925 to \$161,000,000 on 1st January 1926.

The new General Hospital at Selegie Road, Singapore, was formally opened by H.E. the Governor (Sir Lawrence Guillemard) on March 29 in the presence of a large and representative gathering.

A national census disclosed that there are 17 Imperial families in Japan with a total of 65 members. Of these 34 are princes and 31 princesses. These figures do not include four members of the royal family who were abroad.

A monument to Col. Henry B. McCoy, who first raised the American flag on Philippine soil, has been offered to the city of Manila for erection on the site of the first landing of the American army.

"The Englishman" understands that an interesting discovery has been made by Sir Jagadis Bose on the action of cobra venom on the heartbeat of plants which causes a flood of light on the action of the venom on the animal heart.

Mr. San Ah Wing's tender for nearly \$200,000 for the purchase of Bukit Chok estate, situated at Sungai Chok, Ulu Selangor, belonging to the Estate of Loke Yew, has been accepted. The price works out at \$825 per acre of eight to nine year old trees, and \$25 per acre for the unplanted area.

At the annual general meeting of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce Rubber Association, the following were duly elected to act on the Committee of the Association for the ensuing year:—R. J. Oboit, A. T. Hancock, F. A. Teale, G. M. Brown, K. Don, E. C. H. Charlwood, G. R. Anderson, E. A. Gibson, W. T. Houghton, A. P. Cameron.

"The Samatra Maru," a Japanese steamer bound for Singapore, had to put into Cebu on March 23, as some of her holds where the cargo was stowed were on fire.

Mr. N. L. Linder of the S. S. Police and Mr. W. L. Kindlich of the Central Engine Works, Singapore, have been authorised to file specification of an invention for "trap wings."

Probably the largest gathering that has ever watched a game of cricket in Ceylon was seen on the C.C.C. ground on March 24, when the match between the Australian Test team and an All-Ceylon eleven began.

An extensive road building program for Cullion (upper colony) involving expenditure of £78,000 has been recommended by Mr. Suffield Chigute, Cullion (upper colony) chief, through the director of the P. M. pine health service.

The Spencer Efficiency Cup, presented by Col. Spencer, the former Commandant of the S.S. Volunteer Force, to the most efficient unit of the force has been awarded for 1925 to the Singapore Royal Engineers unit.

At a meeting of the Klang Sanitary Board, held on February 10, the unofficial members wished their opinion to be recorded that it is practically a waste of their time to attend meetings at which resolutions are passed to carry out works which cannot be carried out for want of staff.

Some papers contain a report of a burglary at "The Beeches," Egham, the residence of Captain and Mrs. H. A. Vine. Mrs. Vine was formerly the wife of the late Sir G. P. Jordan, of Hongkong, and her present husband was formerly a Captain in the P. & O. service, for some years in command of the "Macedonia." Jewellery was stolen to the value of £3,000.

For having unlawfully in his possession a three-cornered dagger, cells of wire and a rope, a Chinese was sentenced to three years' hard labour at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. Another Chinese was sentenced to four years' imprisonment with hard labour for possession of a revolver and eleven rounds of ammunition. Both of the defendants were arrested by the police in a tea house.

A pair of silver Queen Anne snuffers and stand realised £123 12s. at Messrs. Christie's.

The income and expenditure for the year of the Singapore Golf Club shows a surplus of \$10,972.44, as against \$1,714.61 in the previous year.

A proposal at Leeds Education Committee to increase the salaries of four headmasters, the lowest of whose salaries is £655, was referred back.

Quoting from Proverbs, Judge Clier, at Whitechapel County Court reminded a Hebrew teacher—sued as guarantor by a money-lender—that he who is security for a friend shall smart for it.

Providing his example is followed by others, Mr. A. E. Bell, a master at Eton, is willing to give one-tenth of his salary towards a fund for acquiring slum property in Eton. This offer was made at a public meeting when a unanimous resolution was carried for the council to proceed with a housing scheme.

Of the typewriters in use in Government offices approximately 24,700 are of foreign manufacture. Nearly all were purchased during the war, when no satisfactory British machine was available. Since then requirements have been met almost entirely from surplus, and will continue to be so met for the next few years.

Dr. Millar, applying to the trustees of Bull's Charterhouse for an increase of salary, said old people required a great deal of medicine. The only way he could economise was by excluding certain ingredients from the medicines used to make them palatable. The trustees decided against this economy, and granted a salary increase on condition that palatable medicines must be provided.

After the funeral of Mr. Isidore Gariot, of Lodz, in Brittany, his children searched in vain for the money it was known he had saved up. It must, they thought, have been somehow buried with him. They obtained an exhumation order. Now the exhumation has taken place, and the money has been found in the folds of a coat which Old Father Gariot had asked to be wrapped round his body. It counted 4,650 francs.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss H. Youle, Matron, Durian Daun Hospital, Malacca, will shortly be going on long leave.

Mr. E. Cook of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., is shortly going on home leave.

The Duke of York recently paid a visit to Pentonville prison and made a thorough inspection of the place.

It is rumoured that the Prince of Wales may visit Egypt next year. The Prince has a keen desire to go to the Nile country.

It is said that the King and Queen of Spain contemplate a visit to South America, making the journey by aeroplane.

Mr. Winston Churchill figured in a student's rag at Belfast wearing a "Paddy" hat trimmed with green ribbon, with a clay pipe stuck in it.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Victor Basil Russakoff, survivor of the Netherlands Harbour Works, to Miss A. B. Sokoloff, also of the Netherlands Harbour Works.

Mr. O. H. Grove, formerly District Officer, Kuala Pilah, will become Collector of Land Revenue, Seremban, when Mr. E. B. Williams, who is now holding that post, goes on leave shortly.

In a few days Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Thomsen are leaving Siam for good, and Bangkok is sorry to lose them, says the "Bangkok Times." In retiring the Admiral has the satisfaction of having done useful work in the Navy during his 14 years in that service.

It may be taken for granted that the honourable Mr. Ralph Scott will go to Penang as Resident-Councillor when the honourable Mr. W. Peel goes to Kuala Lumpur as Chief Secretary in May. Mr. Scott is an old Penangite and counts many friends there who will be glad to welcome him and Mrs. Scott back to that Settlement.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. K. Stark of Singapore, left for home last week.

Mr. C. D. Ahern, Deputy Controller of Labour, Penang, proceeded home on furlough, with Mrs. Ahern, by the P. and O. "Khiva."

The Rt. Hon. Viscount and Lady Lee of Fareham, during their stay in Ceylon, were the guests of H. E. the Governor and Lady Clifford.

The Viceroy and Lady Reading were entertained to a farewell "at home" by the Chelmsford Club, Delhi, on March 23, in the grounds of the historic Metcalfe House.

General Sir Alexander Cobbe, V.C., has been appointed General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, India, in succession to General Sir Claud Jacob.

Mr. Patrick Hadoy, the well-known rubber company director, was a passenger from Singapore, homeward bound by the "Khiva." He will break his journey for a few days in Ceylon.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ruby Campbell, eldest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. John Campbell to Mr. E. L. Fonseca, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., Penang.

Mrs. E. E. Wing, Miss Hope Wing and Mrs. P. A. Templeton are sailing together for Europe on the "Derfflinger." They leave Manila on April 7 and will make a round the world journey.

The Mexican General Angel Flores died of pneumonia at Nogales, Arizona, on March 31. He was a candidate for the Mexican presidency in 1924. He has been recently living in exile.

Mr. William Arthur Millar of Harrisons and Crossfield was married to Miss Katherine Allan Gray Caldwell, Nursing Sister, of Jesselton at All Saints Church, Jesselton on March 10. The Rev. Mr. Synnott officiated.

Mrs. E. Floyd, of Enfield, received telegrams of congratulation from the King and the Bishop of London on her 100th birthday.

If children were definitely punished on that part of the anatomy provided for the purpose there would be less trouble for the police.—Chief Constable of Northampton.

Mr. A. W. Vick of the Chartered Bank is one of the arrivals at Penang from home by the "Morea." Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Pougere arrived from home by the "Haruna Maru."

The Empress of Japan who aids numerous charities throughout Japan, has evolved a plan whereby she hopes to discover the real ideas of her subjects concerning the means of assisting the sick and unfortunate.

A parade of Church Lads' Brigade was instructed to "wear your caps straight at the Prince of Wales' inspection." The Prince and Earl Beatty are the only officers throughout the Empire who are allowed to wear their caps askew. The Prince dislikes being mimicked.

The Countess of Warwick has bought out the rights of her family in Easton Lodge in order to hand it over to the trade unions in its entirety. This transaction has cost her over £200,000. During her lifetime the park, with its magnificent timber, its herd of deer and flocks of black Caucasian sheep is to remain as it is today. Lady Warwick will not have a single tree cut down. She herself is still to live at the Lodge.

Who is the mystery man who is giving away money to poor people in Buxton-street, Stepney? In one day he gave away at least £100 in Treasury and Bank of England notes. Nobody knows his name, his business, or where he lives. "My name is my pocket," he says with a laugh, and hands out more money. He has established a sort of letter bureau in Buxton-street, where poor people may write to him as "The Man Who Gives Away money."

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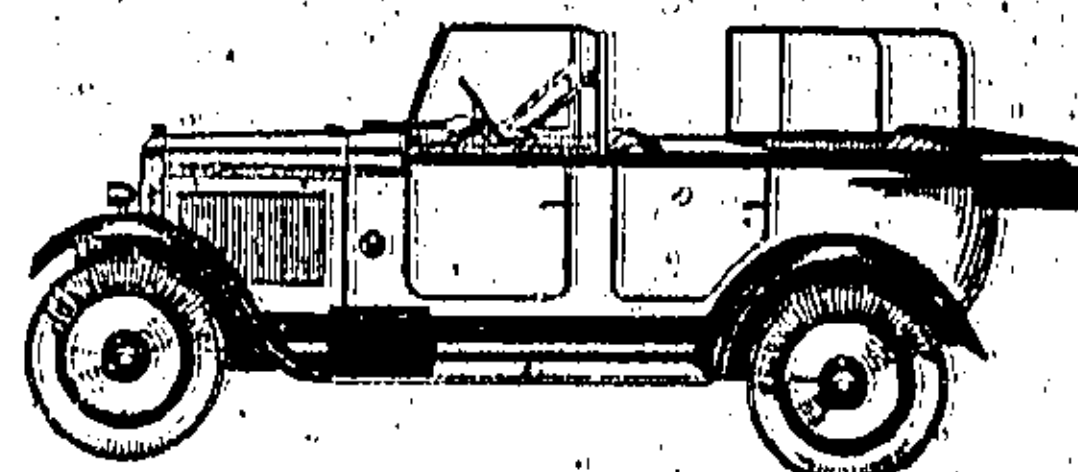
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# "CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

## SPORT A BUSINESS?

SACRED HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

"PROFIT" IN RACING.

A correspondent of the "China Mail," writing on steeplechases, said:—

There are no large money prizes to be gained to pay stable bills. The ponies are run purely in the interest of the public and their sporting and hunting owners.

Previously the question of sport on Sundays had been mentioned in point.

"A Racing Enthusiast" says in the "Shanghai Sunday Times":— "Now that the racing season is in full swing the race-going public are again taking great interest in all matters pertaining thereto. Some people have been writing to the papers in regard to the question of racing at Kiangwan on Good Friday and appear thoroughly to disapprove of it, but as a contemporary has pointed out the club at Kiangwan is not a European club so that the case is not the same as if it were at the Shanghai course. Another writer has questioned the propriety of foreign jockeys riding on that day. I would ask why this gentleman does not write to request all golf clubs to refuse to allow play on Good Friday or on Sundays. Is the sport of riding in races in an different category from any other sport?"

In an article which appeared in a contemporary a statement was made which can hardly be allowed to pass without comment, for it is misleading and moreover detrimental to the sport. The remark referred to is that racing is "largely a money-making business." I should like to know who makes money racing. The clubs do, but who else?

### Public Or Owner.

The public may see some first class pony winning large amounts in stakes and may say that the pony is making a good thing for its fortunate owner, but the public does not stop to think that that same owner has probably had many other ponies which have been too bad to start or, worse still, have started and never been noticed, so that the good one is merely paying for the innumerable failures. So much for the owner.

Now the race-going public—do they make money? The clubs deduct ten per cent. of all money laid out, so that it is an incontestable fact that the public lose ten per cent. of their outlay. They are content to do so, for all forms of sport cost something and they willingly pay for their "amusement."

### Thrills Not Profit.

A great portion of the people back a pony more for the thrill of seeing their pony win than for the possible gain that they may get. We're money the chief consideration one would find the greater enthusiasm displayed when some outstanding pony such as Warrenfield wins, for being such a racing favourite the great proportion of the public has gained a small sum, but instead the enthusiasm is shown when some more or less outsider has won by a narrow margin after a real, hard fought race. This proves that a good close finish with ponies and jockeys doing their utmost to win is the race that gives the greatest pleasure to the public, in spite of the fact that the majority have lost money. Where, then, is racing "largely a money making business?"

No, the only real winner is the club and what do they do with their surplus after paying expenses? They give it to charities which would otherwise be deprived of some very substantial contributions.

It would, therefore, appear that racing provides a healthy exercise for those who ride, an interesting hobby for those who own, an outdoor (and therefore healthy) pastime for race-goers, and by providing contributions to charities, is a help to those in need.

### VOLUNTEER CRICKET.

The following will represent the Volunteers against Mr. A. A. Rumjahn's XI at 11 a.m. at the University ground this Sunday (bus leaves H.K.C.C. pavilion at 10.45 a.m. sharp):—E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), H. V. Parker, J. C. Lyall, A. W. Ramsay, E. C. Fletcher, H. C. Burgess, F. E. Lawrence, S. Jax, C. D. Wales, H. E. Standage, and G. R. Vallack.

## HOME FOOTBALL.

BOLTON WANDERERS BEAT SUNDERLAND.

FIRST LEAGUE MATCH.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 7. In the First Division of the English League Bolton Wanderers, playing at Bolton, defeated Sunderland by three goals to two.

### REVISED TABLE.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Huddersfield	38	21	11	6	84	52	53
Arsenal	37	20	7	10	78	57	47
Sunderland	37	19	6	12	78	67	44
Aston Villa	38	15	6	14	75	75	40
Bury	37	16	6	14	75	75	40
Sheffield U.	37	16	6	14	75	75	40
Bolton W.	35	15	8	13	69	67	38
Swinton	39	10	18	11	67	69	38
Leicester	40	14	10	16	68	73	38
Liverpool	38	12	13	13	62	58	37
Tottenham	38	14	9	15	61	70	37
Cardiff City	37	15	6	16	54	62	36
Blackburn	39	13	10	16	79	76	36
Manchester U.	35	15	6	14	52	58	36
Newcastle U.	37	13	10	14	71	65	36
West Ham	38	14	7	17	61	71	35
Birmingham	37	14	7	16	62	70	35
Leeds U.	38	13	7	18	59	70	33
Notts County	38	12	7	19	47	61	31
Burnley	37	10	9	18	69	98	30
Sheff. Wed.	38	9	11	18	78	92	29

## SOCCER MATCH.

SOUTH CHINA DEFEATS PORTUGAL.

"INTERPORT" FESTIVAL.

By their superior combination, South China merited their victory (by the odd goal in three) on the Club ground yesterday, in their match against the combined Portuguese (Hongkong and Shanghai Interport) team.

Happy Valley was crowded for this match, the majority of spectators being Chinese. The teams were:—

Portugal:—Allanson; H. Favacho; Ogley; C. Remedios; A. A. Remedios; C. Favacho; B. Favacho; Fuertes; Marcel; Rocha; Brown.

South China:—Lau Hing-cheung; Lau Yuk-tat, Chan So; Lo Wai-man, Lam Yuk-ying, Choi Ping-fang, Ko Sik-wai, Ip Kau, Leung Wing-fak, Suen Kum-shun, Chan Kwong-ku.

With the Portuguese forwards not in form, Lam Yuk-ying had a field day in the pivotal position. Shortly before the breather, South China scored twice. Chan Kwong-ku passed to Suen who got the first, and Suen gave to Leung Wing-fak who found the mark (for the second) with his left foot.

After the interval, Fuertes breasted in for the combined team's solitary point. The Portuguese changed their team about for the second half, Ogley being prominent in a number of raids on Chinese territory.

"Best Team." For the match v. the Rest of the Colony, the best Portuguese team chosen (with Gosano a casualty) for to-morrow is:—

Allanson (S); H. Favacho (S), P. M. Xavier (H); H. Collaco (S), A. A. Remedios (H), C. F. Remedios (H); A. Fuertes (H), R. Favacho (S), L. Marcel (S), L. Rocha (H), A. Gutierrez (H).

## HOLIDAY GOLF.

FANLING COMPETITION RESULTS.

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club competitions at Fanling during the Easter holidays resulted:—

Special Medal Round: 33 entries. A. B. Raworth (84—11 = 73) won first prize. A. Leach (88—11 = 77) won second prize. F. J. de Rome (86—8 = 78) and W. L. Plew (91—13 = 78) were next.

Captain's Cup: 31 entries. A. B. Raworth qualifies with 85—11 = 74.

Running Bogeys Pool: 74 entries. A. H. Ferguson (4), and G. E. Layton (14) divide pool with 2 up each. L. R. Andrewes (8) returned 1 down twice; W. L. Plew (13) and A. Leach (11) each returned 2 down.

Mixed Bogeys Foursomes: 10 pairs entered. Miss Dyer and Commander Thackeray won with a score of 4 down.

Shanghai Foursomes, cancelled.

## SOCCER SHIELD FINAL.

The following teams have been selected to represent Kowloon F.C. v. Surrey in the (Soccer) Shield Final on Saturday, on the Hongkong F.C. ground:—Avery; Wheeler, and/or Guest; Read; Burgess, F. E. Lawrence, S. Jax, C. D. Wales, H. E. Standage, and G. R. Vallack.

## ENTERPRISE WINS.

H.K.C.C. OPEN DOUBLES SURPRISE.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Because they were prone to hit hard at every opportunity—even when the game was going against them—and because they displayed the greater enterprise, the Fincher brothers fully deserved their victory yesterday in the open doubles of the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament.

In defeating that formidable Chinese pair, Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-tsun, the Finchers pulled the match out of the fire after being two sets down. While the elder (E.F.) smashed in deadly form at the net, he also poached a good deal but his younger brother always backed him up to such an extent that there never was a collision. E.C.'s first service was powerful when it got over. The second was little more than a pat but the Chinese seldom tried to hit it back hard. As a result the Finchers were the aggressors in the latter stages.

In the fifth set, the winners led 5-1, but the score went to 5 all before the Finchers ran out at 7-5.

Results follow:—

Open Singles (2nd round):—S. A. Rumjahn beat R. M. Henderson 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Open Doubles (1st round):—E. F. Fincher and E. C. Fincher beat Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-tsun 4-6, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-5.

Club Singles (2nd round by):—G. W. Sewell beat E. Grimble 6-4, 7-5, 6-8, 7-5.

Handicap Singles "A" (1st round):—Dr. D. J. Valentine (rec. 1/5) beat J. A. Summers (rec. 6-2, 6-3) (2nd round):—Col. C. Russell Brown (owe 10-3) beat H. J. Armstrong (ser.) 10-8, 6-3.

Handicap Doubles (1st round):—E. J. R. Mitchell (owe 5/6) beat G. van Edmond (ser.) 11-9, 8-6.

Handicap Doubles (1st round):—L. Forster and Prof. R. E. Tottenham (owe 30) walk-over from S. M. Gurnard and L. P. Ralph (ser.) (2nd round, bye):—T. J. and E. R. Price (rec. 2/6) w.o. from A. Buys and V. Rose (rec. 4/6).

To-day's Fixtures. Open Singles (2nd round):—J. A. Cassamubny v. E. C. Fincher; K. Mavritani v. H. R. Conway.

Open Doubles (3rd round):—Major W. W. Pratt and Major W. B. Stevenson v. E. de Souza and F. Ribeiro.

Handicap Singles "B" (1st round):—R. O. Sutherland (ser.) v. V. Rose (rec. 15) T. J. Price (ser.) v. W. L. Dunbar (ser.) (2nd round):—A. K. Mackenzie (owe 5/6) v. P. W. Greene (rec. 3/6).

Handicap Doubles (1st round):—E. Grimble and R. Hancock (owe 15-2) v. I. Newton and J. E. Broome (owe 15).

Mixed Doubles (1st round):—H. W. Fitzroy Williams and Mrs. Williams (rec. 4/6) v. H. Owen Hughes and Miss Chapple (owe 4/6).

## "FLYWEIGHT" BOXING.

(Associated Press.)

Los Angeles, April 7. Fidel La Barba, flyweight boxing champion, scored a decision over Clever Sencio of Manila last night in a ten-round bout.

The title was not at stake as the fighters were both over the flyweight limit.

La Barba's victory was decisive. He was on the aggressive during the entire bout and seemed to hit the Filipino boy at will.

Newspaper men at the ringside gave Sencio only one round, the champion was credited with seven rounds, while two rounds were even.

## BILLIARDS.

TO-DAY'S EXHIBITION GAME.

An exhibition game of billiards between Mr. George Gray of Australia and Mr. W. Brown (member), will be given in the Engineers' Institution to-day at 5.45 p.m.

## CRICKET.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN AT NAPLES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Naples, April 7. The Australian cricketers have arrived here.

## K.B.C.C. MEETING.

LIMITED LIABILITY CO. TO BE FORMED.

THE 1926 OFFICIALS.

Mr. P. T. Farrell, presiding at yesterday's annual general meeting of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, moved the adoption of the report and accounts (seconded by Mr. J. S. McIntosh and carried unanimously).

Points mentioned by him were:— deficit of \$458.26 turned into a balance of \$915.89; \$2,000 had been spent out of current account on repairs and renewals, and over \$100 on architect's fees; 42 new members; increased interest in tennis and bowls.

Honorary of \$200 to the secretary and treasurer for the coming year—proposed by Mr. C. Bond, seconded by Mr. D. Hazel.

New officials elected were:— President, Mr. J. S. McIntosh; vice-president, Mr. C. Bond; hon. secretary, Mr. W. M. Johnston; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. Lapley; general committee, Messrs. W. Russell, L. Guy, D. Gow, D. Hazel, G. Duncan, A. R. Whibley and H. Nish; balloting committee, Messrs. C. Nash, J. Fraser, J. C. McLaggan, S. Gray, J. B. Hamilton, and the Rev. J. Koraee Johnson.

Mr. David Harvey, who has been a member for about 25 years, was elected a life member.

The following promised prizes for the season:—Messrs. B. Wyllie, H. Nish, D. Harvey, Capt. B. Branch, L. Guy, W. A. Russell, G. Price, W. A. Russell (tennis), J. Linaker (tennis), C. Ewins (tennis), Macfarlane (bowls), P. T. Farrell, A. R. Whibley (Kew Cup); Rev. J. Horace Johnson (bowls); J. M. Jack, and W. Russell (Galloway Cup); C. Bond, R. E. Nicholls, and C. Hatt (Canningtown Cup); D. Hazel (Dundee Cup); W. Macintosh (Clyde Cup); Mr. Fraser (Tyneside Cup). It was also decided to open a subscription list.

Mr. B. Wyllie, the retiring hon. secretary, reviewed the work done in connection with the new pavilion.

The strike and boycott had come just after the project had been approved, said Mr. Wyllie, but plans were finally passed. He proposed that the club be formed into a limited liability company (seconded by Mr. D. Gow and carried unanimously), as it was a big club now.

With regard to the 6 per cent. debentures issued to build the pavilion, \$11,500 had been received, \$15,000 was the least required, and they were prepared to go to \$20,000. There were 400 debentures, of which 227 had been taken up, said Mr. Lapley, and Mr. Wyllie added that out of 200 possible members, 30 had taken debentures.

It was likely that the erection would begin next month.

Mr. Wyllie concluded by making an appeal.

## SAME FEES.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB'S DECISION.

That there was to be no reduction in the subscription (which would be payable half-yearly to save work for the treasurer) because it was desired to spend more money on the course, that a telephone was to be installed in the club-house, were the decisions announced at the annual meeting of the Kowloon Golf Club, held at the Central British School yesterday, when Mr. E. Cock presided.

Report and accounts: adoption proposed by Mr. K. S. Robertson, seconded by Mr. T. E. Jones, and carried unanimously.

New officials:—President, Mr. E. Cock (re-elected), proposed by Mr. S. J. Jordan; Mr. G. B. Labrum, vice-president; Mr. J. D. Thomson, captain; Mr. W. Alltree, hon. treasurer; Mr. J. O. McLaggan, hon. secretary; Messrs. A. W. Roberts, K. S. Robertson, A. C. Burford, J. W. Trevor and A. Brown, committee.

Popular Beads. Bead trimmings are a feature of many pretty frocks, especially those for evening wear. Thus does Miss 1926 help to demonstrate the real continuity of feminine taste in adornment through all the ages. Beads are the most popular and ancient of all personal ornaments. Probably they were invented by some ape-like ancestor who strung together brightly coloured berries or naturally perforated stones or shells for himself or his lady-love. They are found in the cave dwellings of the earliest men, says Mr. Robert Davidson. In Egypt 10,000 years ago they were in common use, and some specimens of that period, in a variety of shapes, are of such exquisite workmanship that they have difficulty in matching.

## "BUFFALOES" MEET.

DINNER AND CONCERT AT INSTITUTE.

TUESDAY'S FUNCTION.

The R.A.O.B. Institute was the scene on Tuesday evening of a dinner and impromptu concert over which Mr. Howells (Vice-Chairman) presided in the absence of Mr. Goldenburg.

The toasts of "Our Order," "The Institute" and "Absent Brethren" were proposed by Messrs. Jeffries, Gibb and Workman and responded to by Capt. Johnson, Mr. Matthews, Capt. Thompson, Mr. Bradburn and Mr. Manwaring.

Tributes were paid to the work for the Order done by various members.

An impromptu concert followed with Mr. L. Anson at the piano, the following rendering items: Capt. Thompson, Messrs. H. M. Steel, R. J. Steele, Manwaring, Leyton, de Carteret, Chisholm, Jeffries and Mitchell.

The following were responsible for the arrangements:—Messrs. Goldenburg, Howells, Gibb (Secretary), Salmon, Woodman, Brown, de Carteret, Jeffries, Selwood, Morlet and Capt. Johnson.

The next Buffalo dinner will be held on the return of the Fleet from the southern cruise.

## RUBBER MARKET.

LATEST CABLE QUOTATION FROM SINGAPORE.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. are in receipt of a cable from Singapore advising them that the price of Rubber is now 88 cents per lb.

The following dividends have also been declared:—Malaka Pindas 8 per cent. Interim, May, fields 50 per cent. Final, Radialis 15 per cent. Final.

Appended below are the latest cable quotations.

	Straits.
Allenbys	\$3.35
Alor Gajahs	2.90
Amalgamated Malays	4.85
Ayer Moleks	3.00
Ayer Panas	14.50
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Bassett's	1.55
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Kuala Sidims	4.55
Lunas	4.40
Malaka Pindas	3.30
Malakoffs	5.00
Mandai Tekongs	.05
Melayfields	15.00
Mentakabs	.70
New Serendabs	4.75
Pajamas	14.75
Pungors	1.45
Sandycrofts	4.50
Scudals	3.30
Sungai Bagans	4.70
Tapahs	3.00
Tambalaks	1.50
Teluk Ansons	15.50
United Malaccas	3.10
Utah Simpans	4.75

## LOCAL WILLS.

HERBERT BENT OF CANTON.

Letters of administration of the will of the late Mr. Herbert Bent, of The Mount, Shoreham, near Sevenoaks, Kent, and formerly of Canton, have just been granted in the Hongkong Supreme Court to Mr. J. R. F. Corley, of the Chartered Bank, Hongkong.

The will is dated 14th August, 1911. Deceased died in Kent on August 18th, 1925. He left property in Hongkong valued at \$24,100, and left it wholly to his widow, Mrs. M. Bent, of Worthing, Ham. Surrey. Mr. Corley was appointed attorney for Mrs. Bent.

J. E. Gomes, Kowloon. Mr. J. E. Gomes of No. 45, Granville Road, Kowloon, formerly an assistant with Messrs. Layrak & Co., who died on February 2, 1926, at the age of 65 years, left property to the value of \$423,800. Probate of the will has been granted to M. Gomes, of 45, Granville Road, and J. M. d'Almeida, assistant, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Ltd. The will is dated June 20, 1923.

He bequeathed his estate to be shared equally amongst his sisters, A. T. M. Gomes d'Almeida, C. A. Gomes, M. A. Gomes da Carvalho, and G. M. Gomes.

The Colony had a clean bill of health on Wednesday.

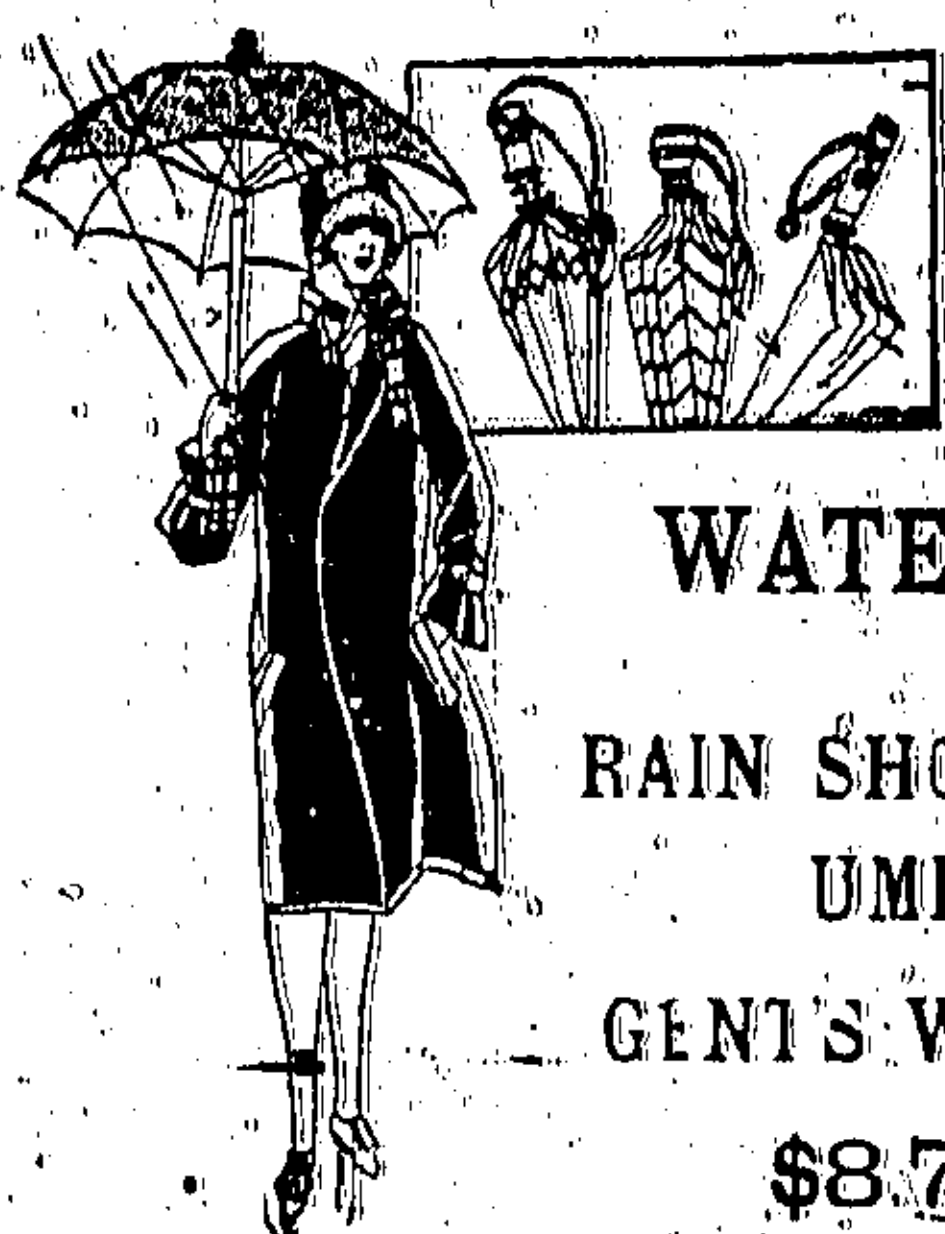
## LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, APRIL 8, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

Name	Hongkong Stock Exchange	Hongkong Shareholders' Association	Share & Bond Society
T.T. on London	2/3	2/3	2/3
T.T. on Shanghai	76 3/4	76 3/4	76m
Hongkong Bank	105 1/2	105 1/2	\$105 1/2
Chartered Bank	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
P. & O. Bank	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Bank of East Asia	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
Marine Insurance	62 1/2	62 1/2	\$62 1/2
Canton Insurance	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
China Underwriters	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
North China Insurance	28 1/2	28 1/2	\$28 1/2
Union Insurance	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Yangtze Insurance	170	165	165
Fire Insurance	550 1/2	550	550
China Fire Insurance	170	165	165
S.K. Fire Insurance	550 1/2	550	550
Shipping			
Douglases	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Hongkong Steamboats	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
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## People and Events in the News of the World



William Cavalier, 17, is shown entering Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia, where he will spend the rest of his life. His sentence to the electric chair for the murder of his grandmother was commuted to life imprisonment because of his age.



**HARVEY HAYER**  
Harvey Haver, New Comerstown, Ohio, was charged with having strangled his wife and thrown her body into a well because she refused to cook supper for him.



**MAJOR FRANCIS MEREDITH**  
Dried mushrooms, with copper bullets containing a powerful explosive inserted in their stems, have been received from Russia by a Worcester, Mass., importer. A death plot is believed to have been discovered by the discovery. Major Francis Meredith, director of standards in the U.S. Department of Labour and Industries, is shown examining the deadly mushrooms.



**MRS. ERNEST WHITMAN**  
One of the most interested spectators at the trial of Stanley Kivana at Minnola, L.I., charged with murder of Ernest L. Whitman, a bond salesman, in a bank robbery, was the salesman's widow. She wanted all the bandits to get the death penalty.



**NIAGARA FROZEN**  
For the first time since 1909 Niagara Falls was completely frozen over this winter, not a drop of water pouring over the huge cliffs in the Niagara River.



**LIEUT. J. A. MACREADY**  
When he encountered a temperature of 79 degrees below zero at a height of 35,000 feet, Lieut. John A. MacReady, America's highest flier, abandoned an attempt to break the world's altitude record of 39,595 feet at Dayton, Ohio.

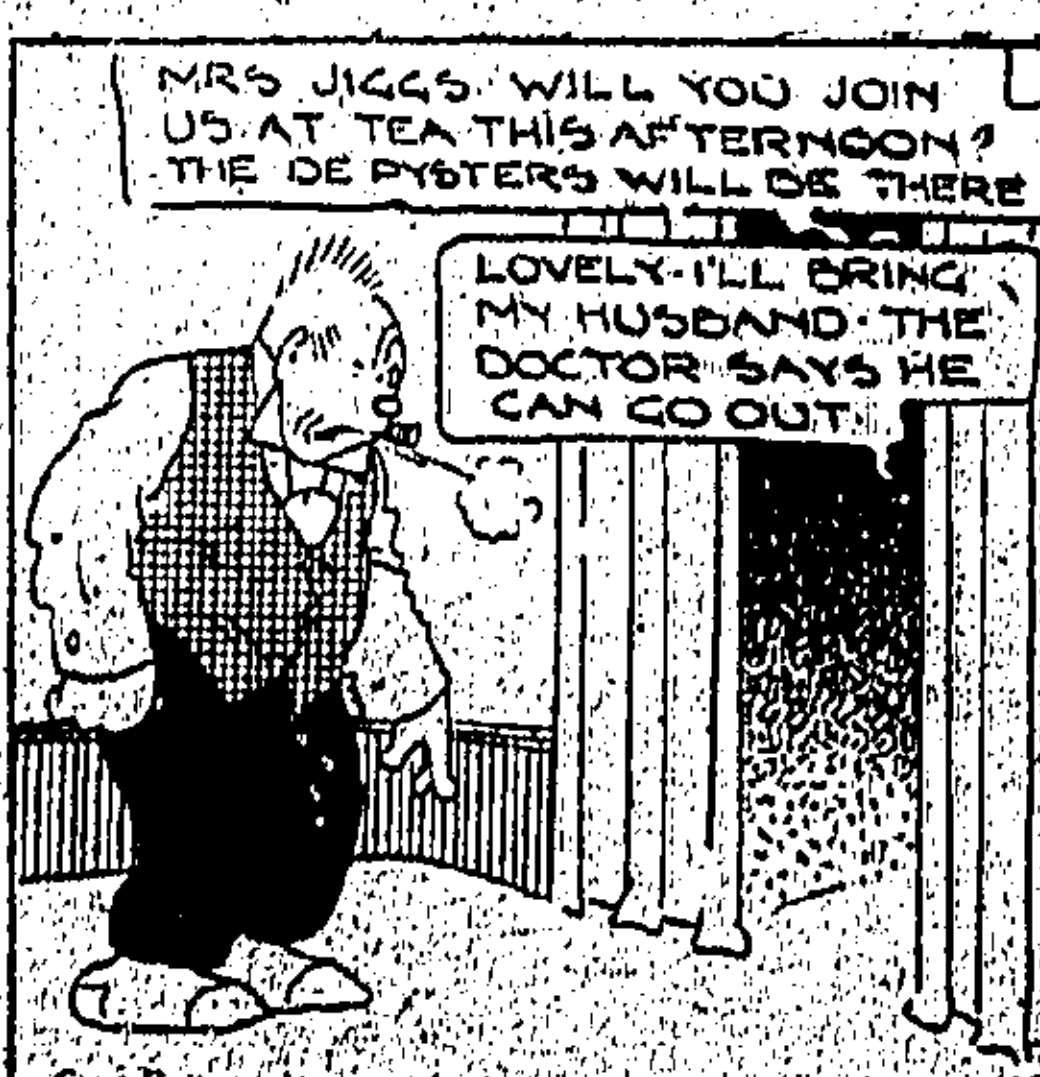
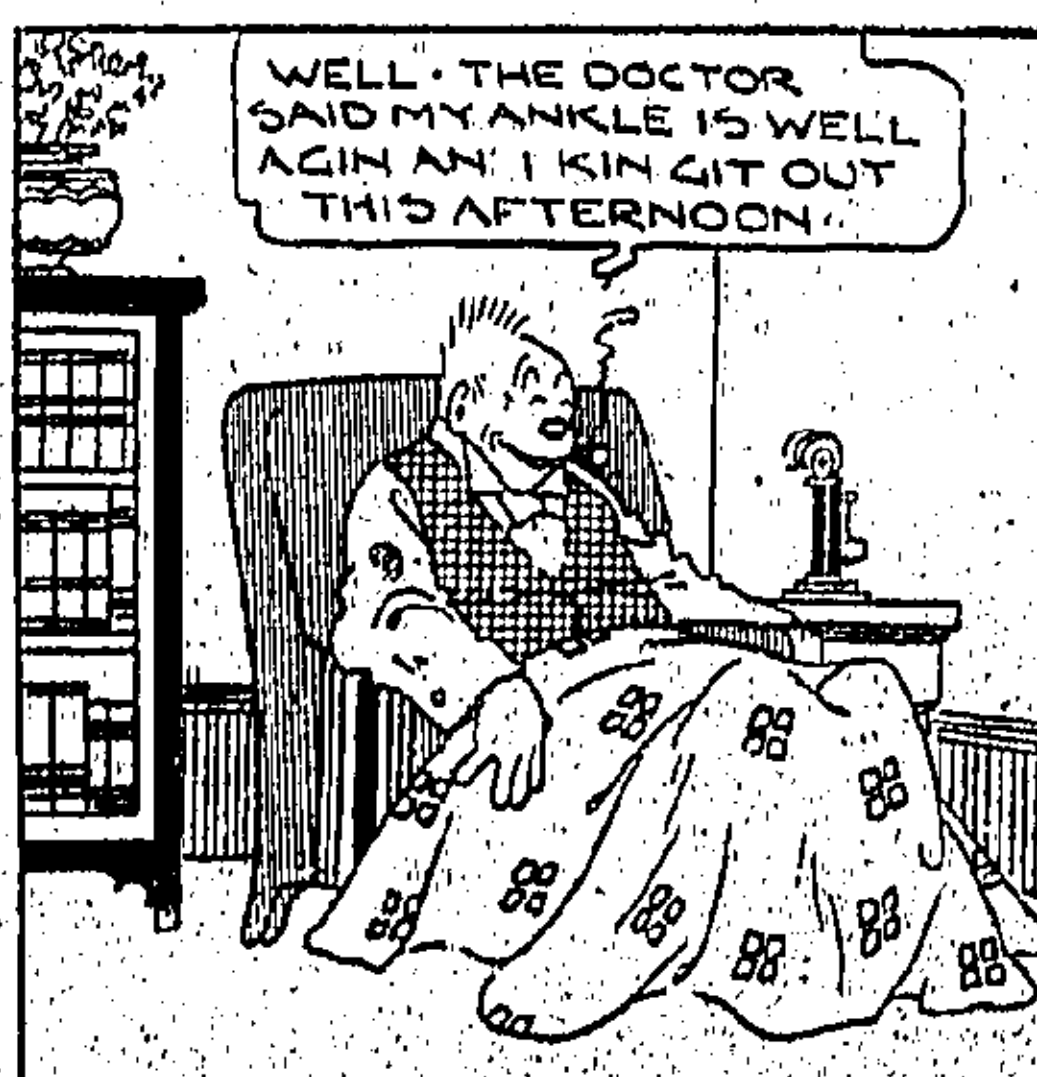


**COUNTESS OF WARWICK**  
The Countess of Warwick has given her Essex estate of 1,000 acres to the Trade Union Congress as a site for a trade union college. Commander Morris J. Lenny, in command of Submarine S-50, testified that he was in communication with the S-51, sunk in collision with the "City of Rome," shortly before the fatal accident. Captain Gordon Campbell, V.C., youngest captain in the British Navy, has been given command of the great warship "Tiger." Dr. Harold Sverdrup, is scientific leader aboard the "Maud" on its seven years' expedition to reach the North Pole.



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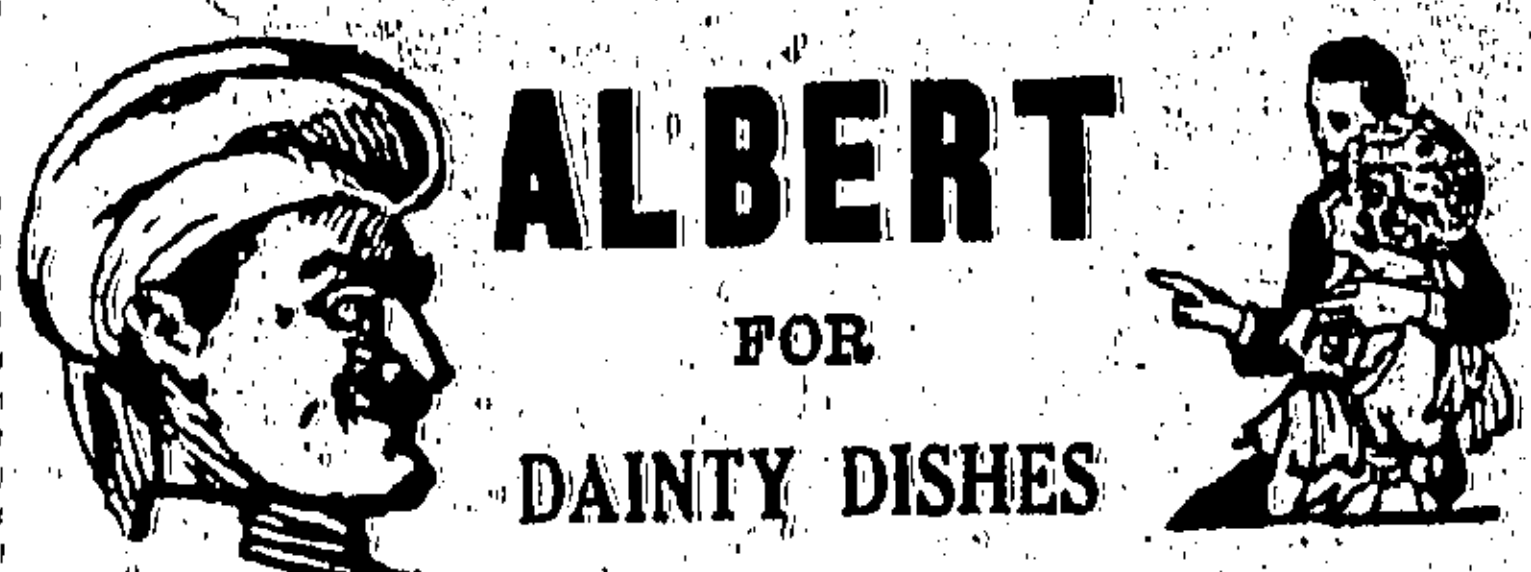
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### SHANGHAI COUNCIL.

#### CHANGE REPORTED IN THE SECRETARYSHIP.

Considerable interest was manifested in the International Settlement on April 1 when it became known that a change had taken place in the Secretaryship of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

Mr. E. S. Benbow-Rowe, who has been the Council's Secretary for the past three years, two of which he was Acting Secretary, became indisposed several days ago, necessitating his absence from office. On March 30, quite suddenly from the public point of view, Mr. S. M. Edwards, who has been Assistant Secretary since February, 1925, was instructed to take charge of all secretarial matters, and though at present the change is said to be temporary there is reason to believe that a permanent change in the Secretaryship is contemplated by the Shanghai Municipal Council.

Nothing official upon this important matter could be learned on April 1, says the "Mercury," and the reason for the change must, therefore, remain in darkness until such time as the Shanghai Municipal Council chooses to make an official statement. The fact remains, however, that Mr. S. M. Edwards at present occupies the Secretarial chair, having done so since April 1.

Mr. Edwards has not had a very long connection with the Municipal Council, having come to Shanghai but three years ago as Assistant to the Secretary. Since that time, he has had more than one promotion, having become Senior Assistant early in February last year.

If the present appointment proves to be a permanent one he is, therefore, to be congratulated upon such rapid advancement.

Mr. E. S. Benbow-Rowe has been identified with the Secretariat of the Shanghai Municipal Council for a number of years, and last year was appointed Secretary. A good sportsman, he has been known as a popular member of the Race Club, and other sporting organisations in the city.

The most remarkable thing about Smith was his amazingly large mouth, which he always contorted into an all-pervading smile whenever he wished to make a good impression. His sweetheart persuaded him to "ask father," and he was determined at all costs to make a good impression.

"Mr. Jones," he began, with a smile in which his mouth took its usual prominent part. "I have come to ask permission to marry your daughter."

"One moment," interrupted the old gentleman, mildly. "Would you mind closing your mouth for a moment till I see who you are?"

### ALLEGED FRAUD.

#### JAPANESE LAWYER CHARGED.

Y. Norisugi, a Japanese lawyer practising chiefly among Chinese and Sikh clients was brought before Judge A. Tajima and Prosecutor S. Tajima on April 1 at the Japanese Consular Court, Shanghai, to answer charges of obtaining money by false pretences. The accused is alleged to have told a Sikh client, Indar Singh, to deposit \$130 at the Bank of Taiwan, stating that the money was wanted in pursuit of a case in Court in which this client was concerned. Soon after the Sikh client did so, the accused withdrew the money from the bank without the consent of his client, converting the same to his own use. Next, he is alleged to have approached one Y. Shimada, who was recently ordered by the local Japanese authorities to be deported to Japan as a habitual offender, and told him that if he would pay \$300 as expenses, the accused could make the authorities cancel the order, and though the deported man, complied with this request, nothing was done for him. The accused pleaded "not guilty."

Prosecutor Tajima, however, asked that accused be sentenced to eight months' imprisonment. The judgment will shortly be given.

### FOR AUSTRALIA.

#### BRITISH DELEGATES VISIT IN SEPTEMBER.

Melbourne, March 11. Forty-five members of the Federal Parliament attended a meeting of the Empire Parliamentary Association, at Parliament House, which announced that all the invitations issued to the United Kingdom and Dominions for a visit to Australia this year had been accepted. The British visitors will arrive in Sydney on September 18 and the visitors will tour the States, beginning from Queensland, and ending with West Australia. All will be guests of the Commonwealth and State Parliaments which will co-operate to make their visit a complete success.

The difference between theft and non-delivery of cargo came up for definition in an Appeal case last month. Of 89 cases in a shipment, six never arrived at their destination, eight arrived empty, and three short of contents. The underwriters settled for the last eleven cases, but required positive proof of theft as regards the missing six cases. It was shown that during shipment the goods had suffered delay whilst lying out in the open, and on inference from the facts the Court of Appeal decided that the missing cases had been pilfered.

### NOT WANTED.

#### IVANOFF DENOUNCED IN SHANGHAI.

M. Ivanoff, Manager of the Chinese Eastern Railway and his suite arrived in Shanghai from Dairen on March 30 aboard the D.K.K. s.s. "Dairen Maru." Upon receipt of the information regarding his coming, the local Chinese organisations including the All-Kiangsu Guild, National Diplomatic Support Association and so forth held an urgent meeting on March 30, when Wang Hsing-wu, representative of the Chinese Merchants' Federation, delivered a speech denouncing M. Ivanoff and stating that he has doubtlessly brought to Shanghai important missions from Soviet Government, one of which will most probably be the Red propaganda in this locality. At the meeting, they passed the following resolutions:—

(1) That the authorities shall refuse his entry into the Settlement, or some restriction be put upon his movement.  
(2) The Anti-Bolshevik Organisations in Shanghai shall jointly check his action in this locality.  
(3) That a circular telegram be sent to the military authorities of the districts which are to be passed by Ivanoff requesting that they keep a vigilant watch on his behaviour.  
(4) That a telegram be sent to the Peking Government requesting them to make a claim for the damage done through the suspension of the railway service on the side of the Russian management.

#### Commons Hat Comedy.

An old Parliamentary joke appeared in an entirely novel form in the House of Commons one night. Mr. Buchanan, one of the Clyde-side Socialist M.P.s, was anxious after a division had been called to raise a point of order. At such a time it is only permissible for a member to do so if he is wearing a hat. Mr. Buchanan was at a loss; he had no hat, but Miss Ellen Wilkinson, the Socialist member for Middlesbrough, came to his assistance. Taking a black toque off her head she handed it to Mr. Buchanan, who put it on his head. By thus conforming to the letter of the rules he was able to raise his point of order, and roars of laughter from all parts of the House. Being over-ruled, he handed the toque back to Miss Wilkinson.

A judge was crossing to Ireland from Holyhead one stormy night when he knocked against a lawyer suffering severely from sea-sickness. "Can I do anything for you?" inquired the judge. "Yes," gasped the sufferer. "Will your lordship overrule this motion?"

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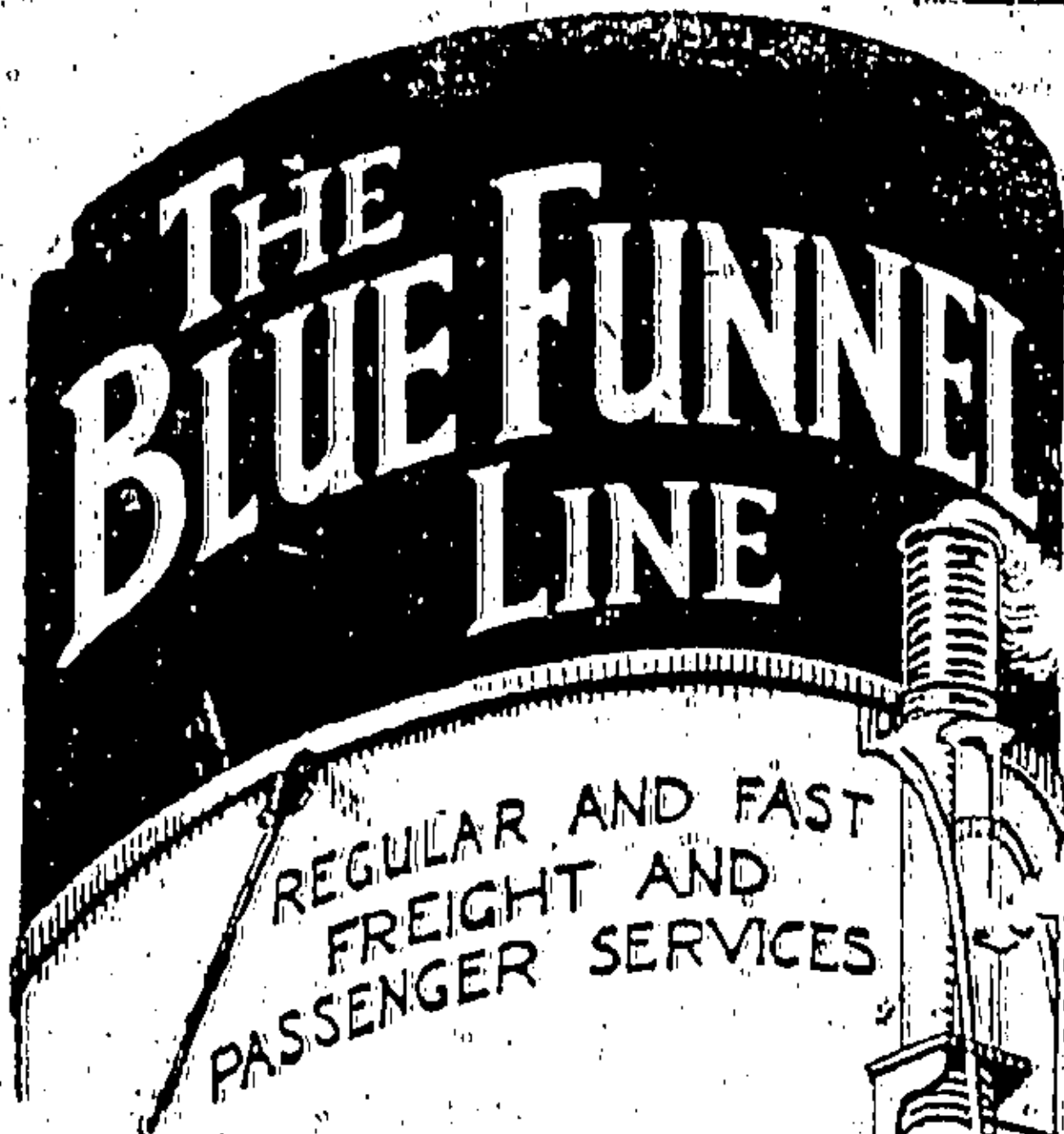
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## INWARD MAILS.

FROM	THURSDAY, APRIL 8.	FRIDAY, APRIL 9.
Japan	Tokyo	Tokyo
Shanghai	Shanghai	Shanghai
Manila	Manila	Manila
Japan	Yokohama	Yokohama
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Australia	Empress of Australia
EUROPE via Nagasaki (Letters and Papers London 11th Mar.)	Talabma	Talabma
U.S.A. Honolulu Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Van Buren	Pres. Van Buren
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	Pres. McKinley
Straits and Calcutta	Yensang	Yensang
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Pierce	Pres. Pierce

## OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	FRIDAY, APRIL 9.	TIME
Formosa	Kohoku Maru	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Yensang	9.30 a.m.
Yokohama	Tokyo	10.30 a.m.
Manila	Yokohama	4.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Yokohama	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 9th May. Registration 8.15 a.m.	Hokoku Maru	8.30 a.m.
Letters 8.30 a.m.		
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. Central & South America & EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 29th Apr. and Europe via Siberia (Letters and Papers) specially suspended. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	Yensang	8.30 a.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Van Buren	8.30 a.m.
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	8.30 a.m.
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 10th to the 16th April, 1926, both days inclusive.

C. BOND,  
Secretary  
Hongkong, 8th April, 1926

#### CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on THURSDAY, 22nd April, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 8th to 22nd April, 1926, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Agents.  
Hongkong, 26th March, 1926.

#### SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONGKONG.

MEMBERS are reminded that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will take place in the Old Chamber of Commerce Room, CITY HALL, at 5.30 p.m. on FRIDAY, 9th April.

It is hoped that there will be a good attendance to consider various matters, more particularly the proposal to hold a SMOKING CONCERT in the City Hall on St. George's Day, FRIDAY, 23rd April.

Members are asked to endeavour to get Englishmen, not already members, to join the Society.  
Hongkong, 6th April, 1926.

#### "TREVESA" TROPHY

THE FIFTH BI-ANNUAL RACE for Ship's Lifeboats will be sailed on WEDNESDAY, April 21, starting at 4 p.m. Each ship may enter any number of boats.

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Ships proposing to enter boats are requested to notify me not later than April 20.

F. OLIVER,  
Hon. Secretary,  
R.H.K.Y.C.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1926.

### Shadows Before.

#### COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

##### Entertainments.

April 8—Queen's Theatre: Buster Keaton in "The Navigator".  
April 8—Star Theatre: "The Happy Ending".  
April 8—World Theatre: Percy Marmont in "A Woman's Faith".  
April 10—Carnival at Repulse Bay Hotel.

##### Sports.

April 8—Exhibition of billiards between Mr. George Gray of Australia and Mr. W. Brown in the Engineers' Institution, 4.45 p.m.  
April 9—Interport Soccer, Portugal v. Rest of the Colony, at H.K.E.C. ground, 4.40 a.m.  
April 11—Volunteer Cricket at University Ground, 10.40 a.m.  
April 21—Fifth bi-annual ship's lifeboat race for the "Trevessa" Trophy, 4 p.m.  
April 24—Annual athletic sports of the Victoria Recreation Club.  
May 1—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

June 5—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

**Auction.**  
April 12—Lammert Bros. at Sales Room, Duddell Street, office and household furniture, etc., etc., 2.30 p.m.

**Company Meetings.**  
April 16—Nineteenth meeting of shareholders of Candee, Price & Co., Ltd., at No. 2, Ice House Street, (St. George's Building) noon.

April 22—Forty-eighth meeting of shareholders of China Sugar Refining Co. in the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at noon.

##### Miscellaneous.

April 8—General meeting of the H.K. Branch of the Marine Engineers' Guild, Sailors' Home, West Point, 5 p.m.  
April 9—Meeting of committee of Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, 2.30 p.m.  
April 9—Annual meeting of the Society of St. George, in City Hall, 5.30 p.m.  
April 10—Annual dinner of the Civil Service C.C. at Volunteer Headquarters, 8 p.m.  
April 12—Muzzling of dogs enforced until further notice.

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E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.  
Hongkong Station, 1st April 1926.

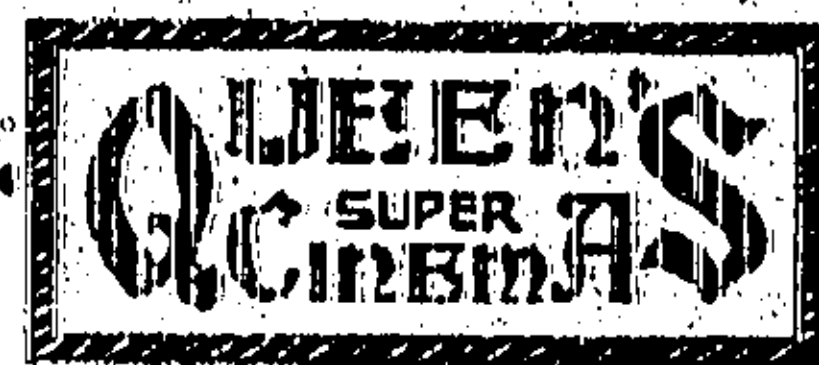
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